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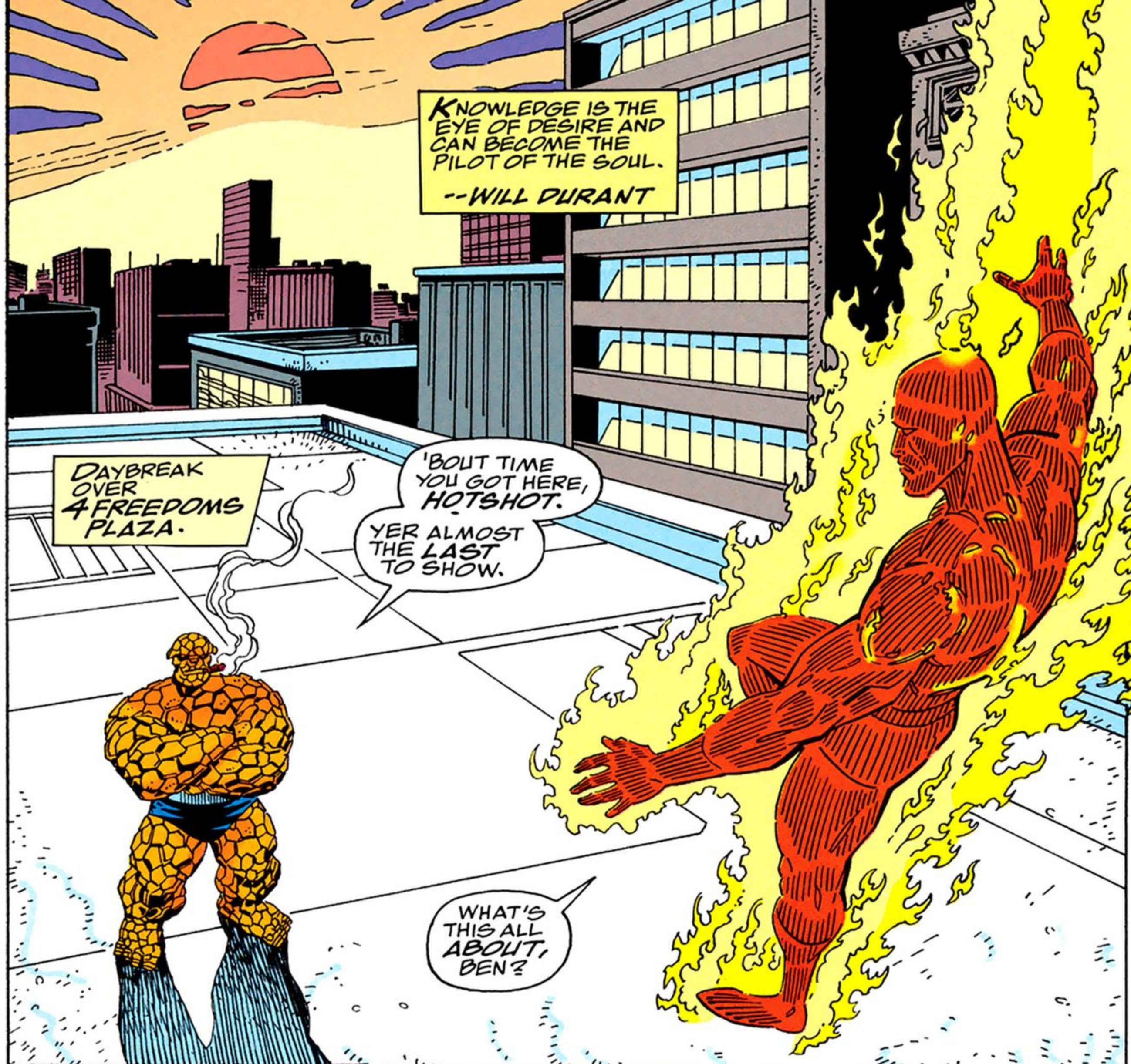
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THE INFINITY WAR

DIVIDE AND
CONQUER!



KNOWLEDGE IS THE
EYE OF DESIRE AND
CAN BECOME THE
PILOT OF THE SOUL.
--WILL DURANT

DAYBREAK
OVER
4 FREEDOMS
PLAZA.

'BOUT TIME
YOU GOT HERE,
HOTSHOT.
YER ALMOST
THE LAST
TO SHOW.

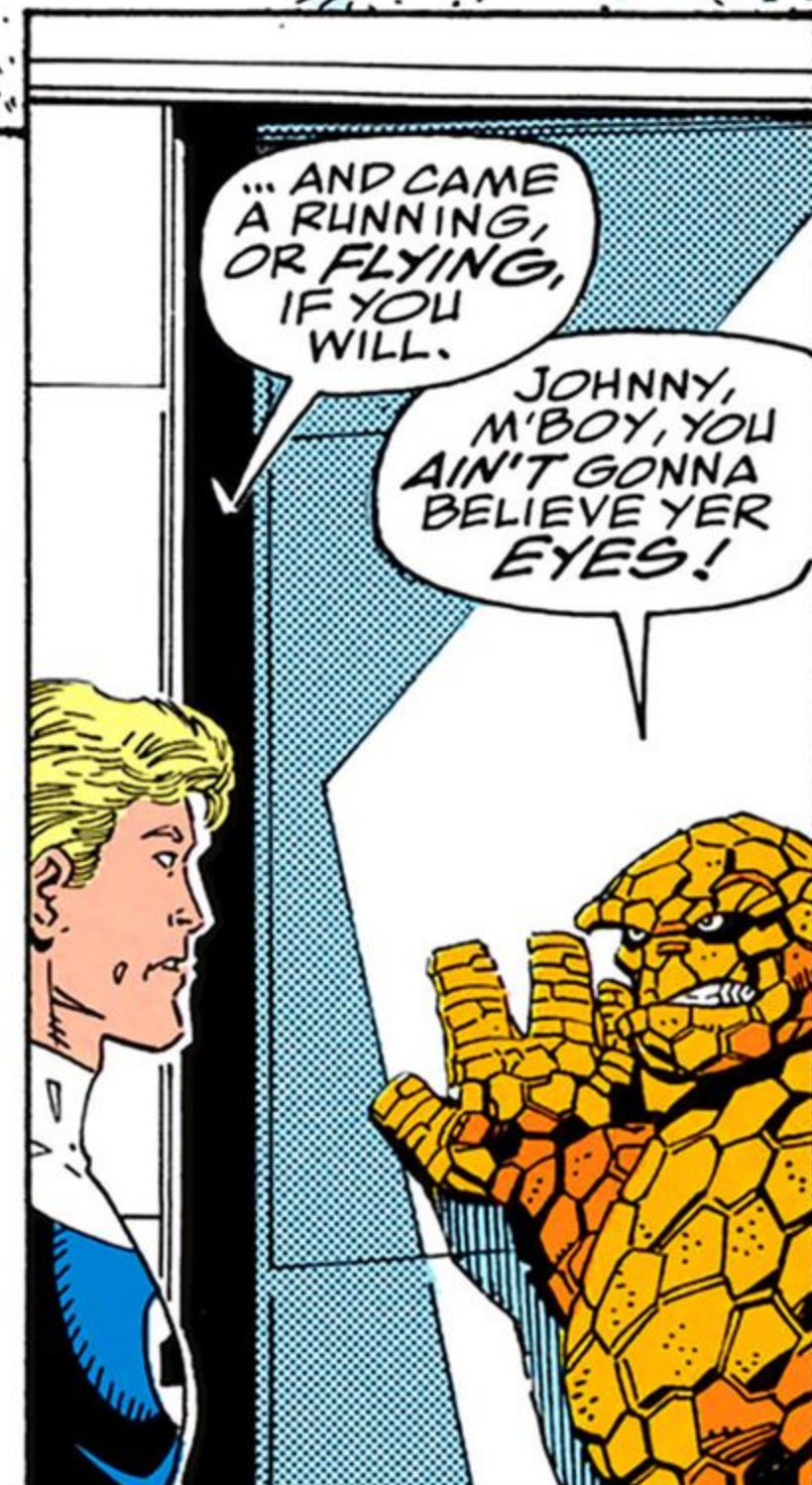
WHAT'S
THIS ALL
ABOUT,
BEN?



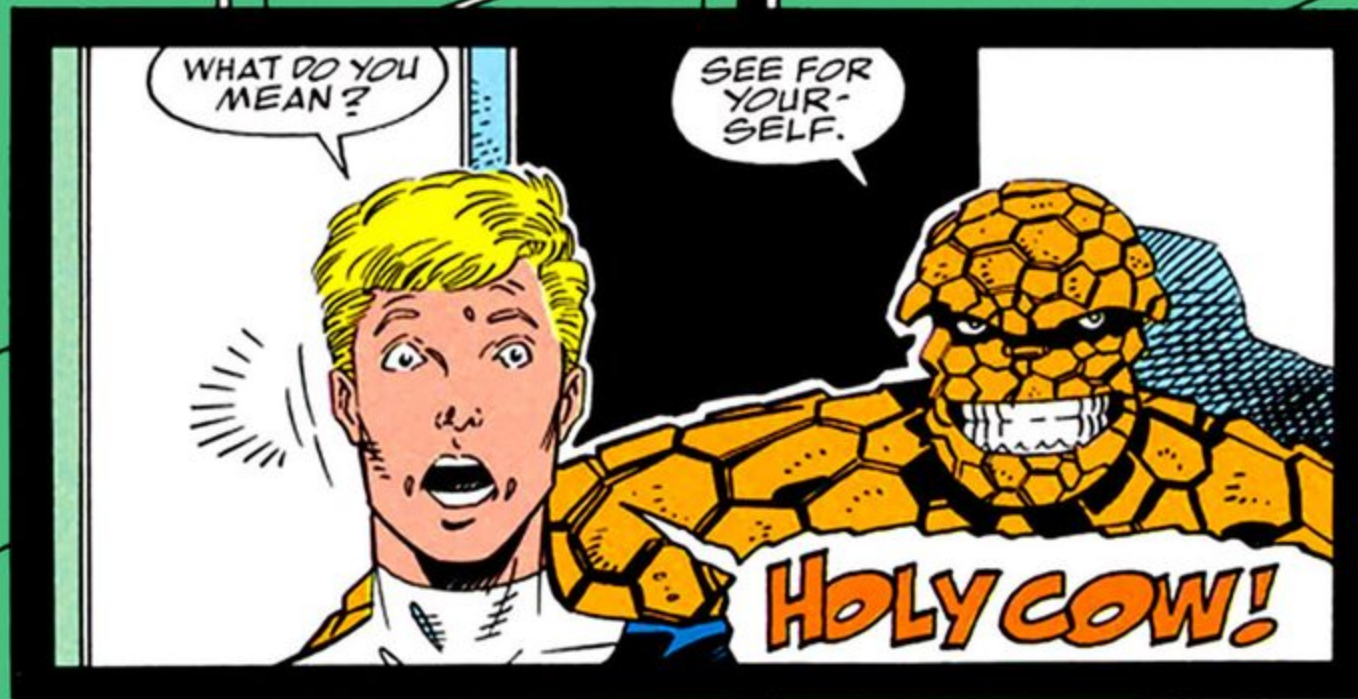
DON'T KNOW.
REED'S KEEPING
HIS TRAP SHUT
TILL EVERYONE
IS HERE.



WHO ELSE IS
COMING?
AIN'T YOU
HEARD?
NO. JUST
GOT THE
MESSAGE
FROM MY
SERVICE...



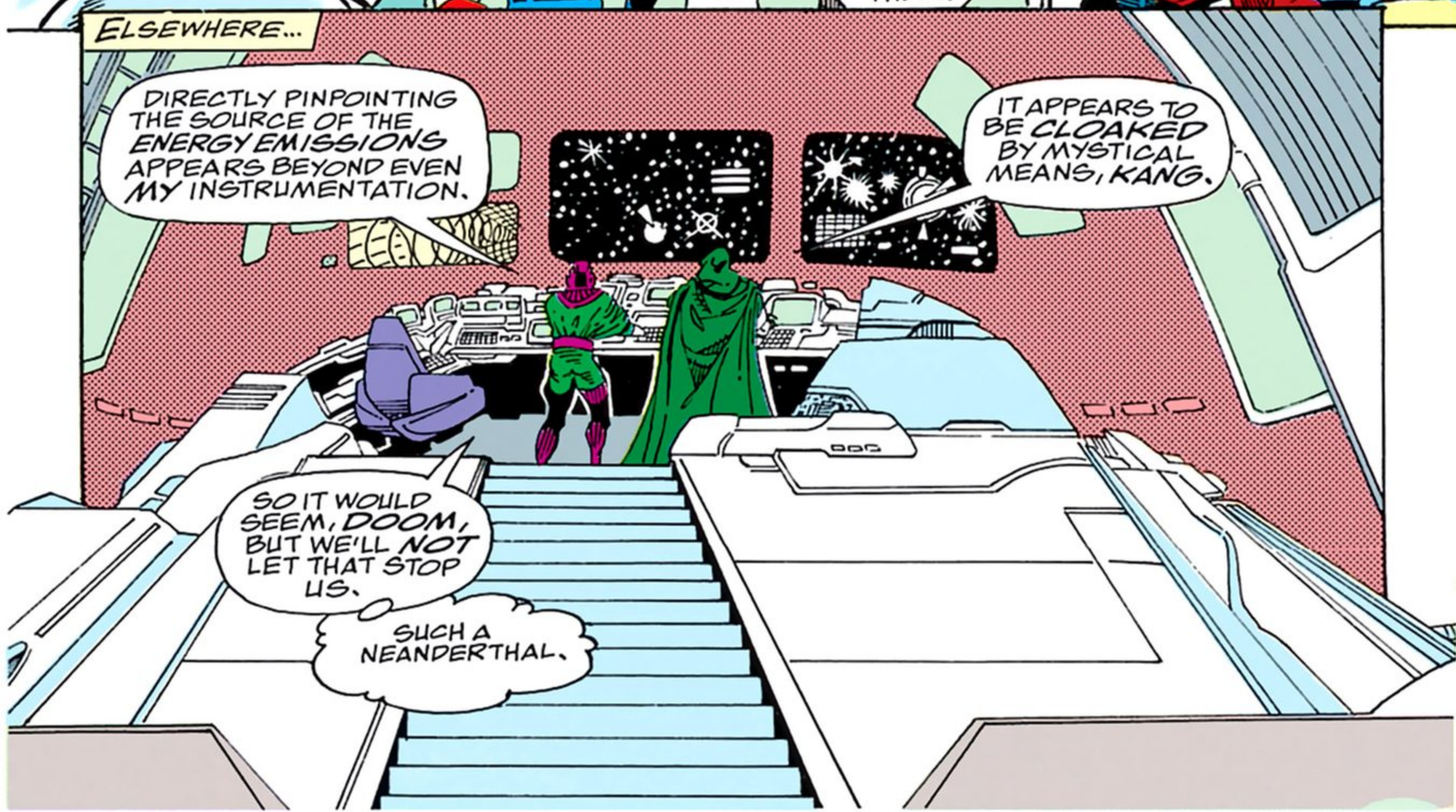
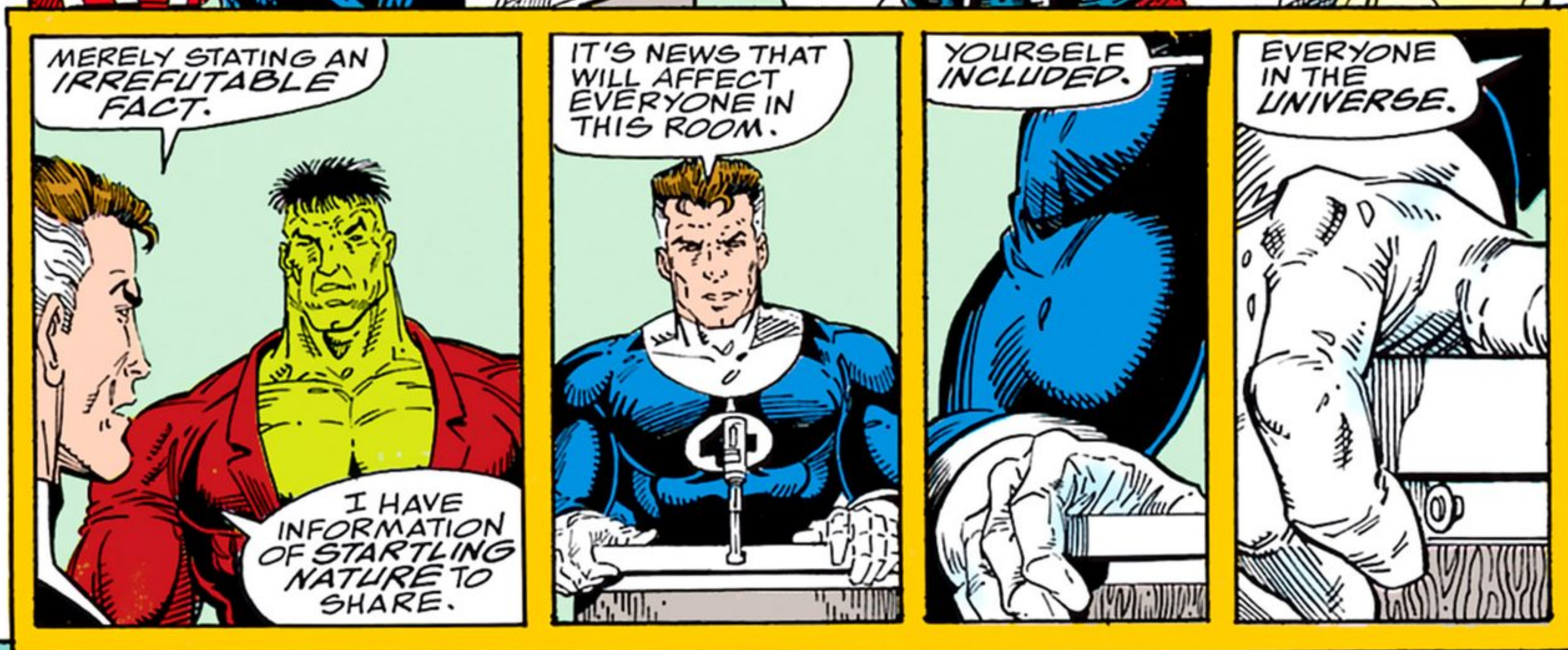
... AND CAME
A RUNNING,
OR FLYING,
IF YOU
WILL.
JOHNNY,
M'BOY, YOU
AIN'T GONNA
BELIEVE YER
EYES!

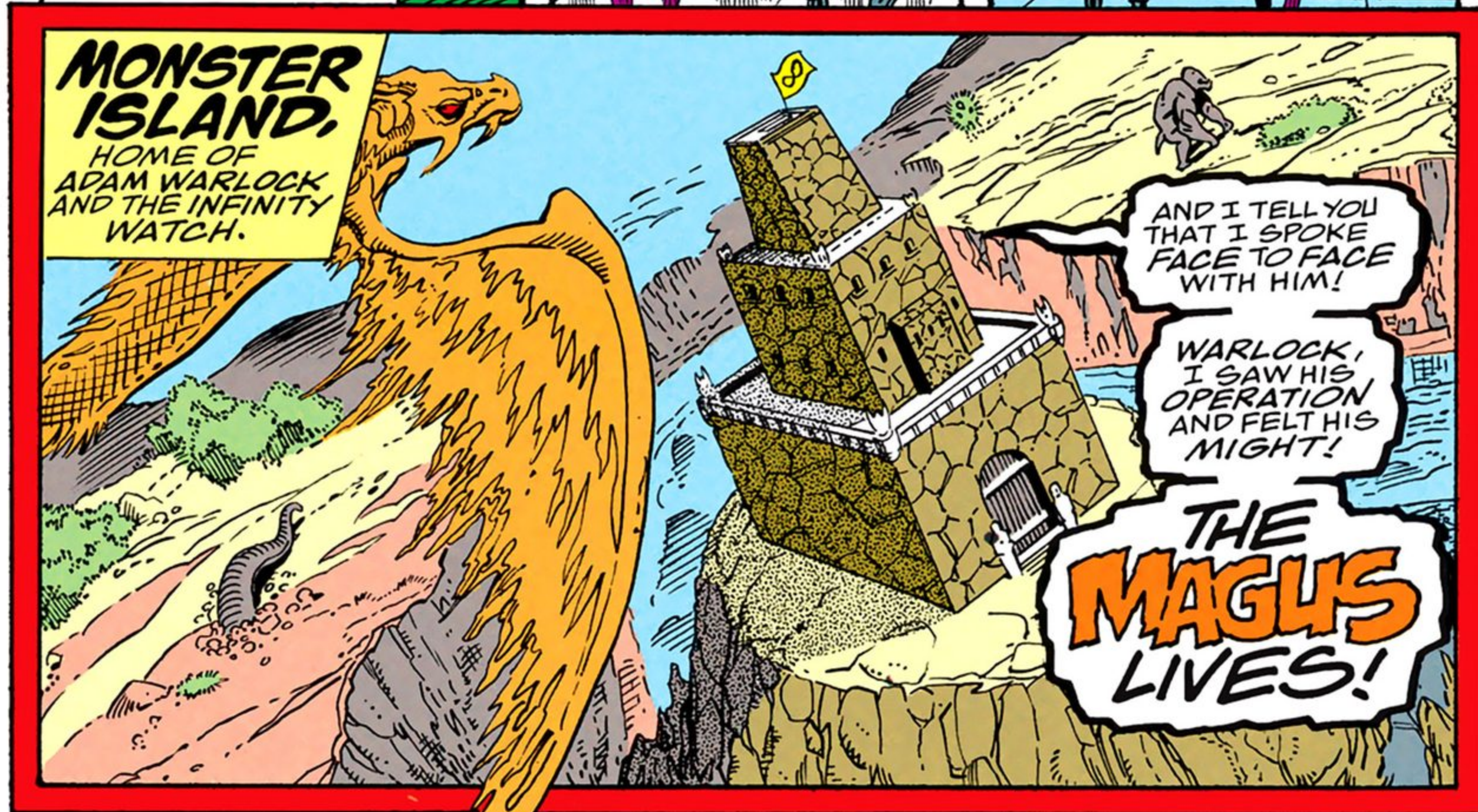
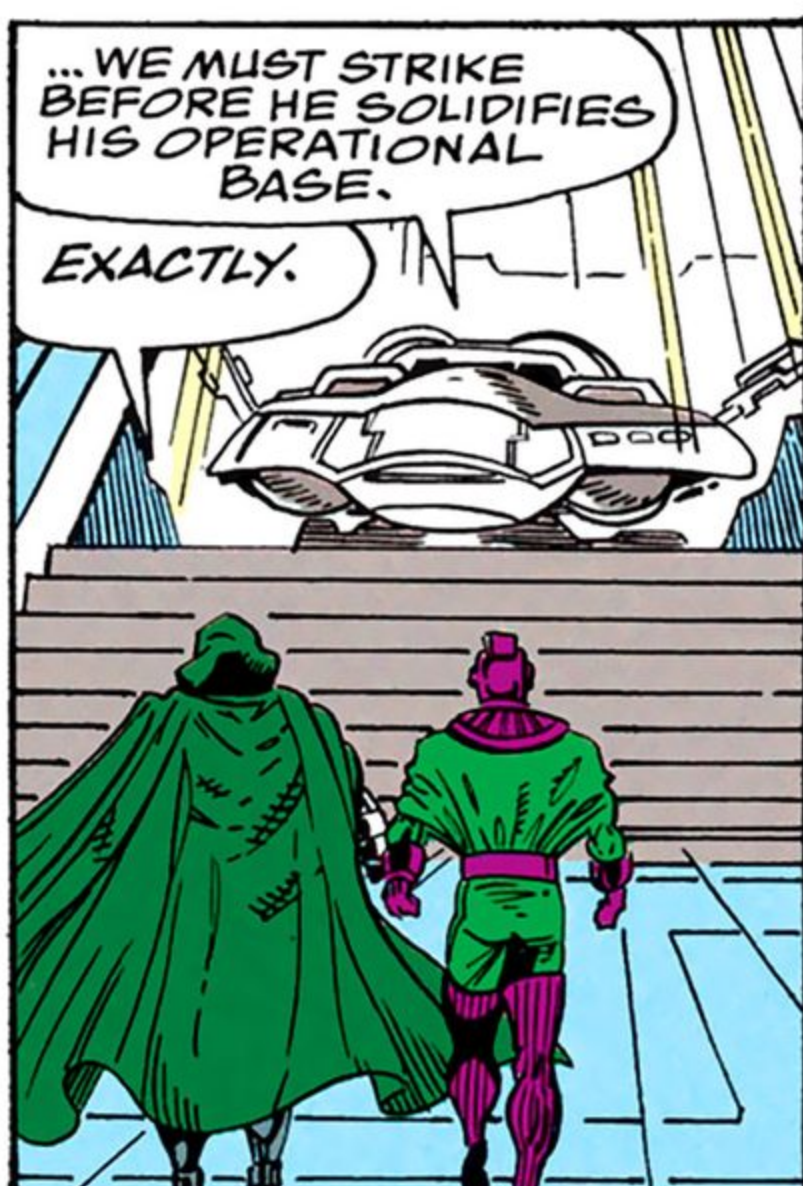
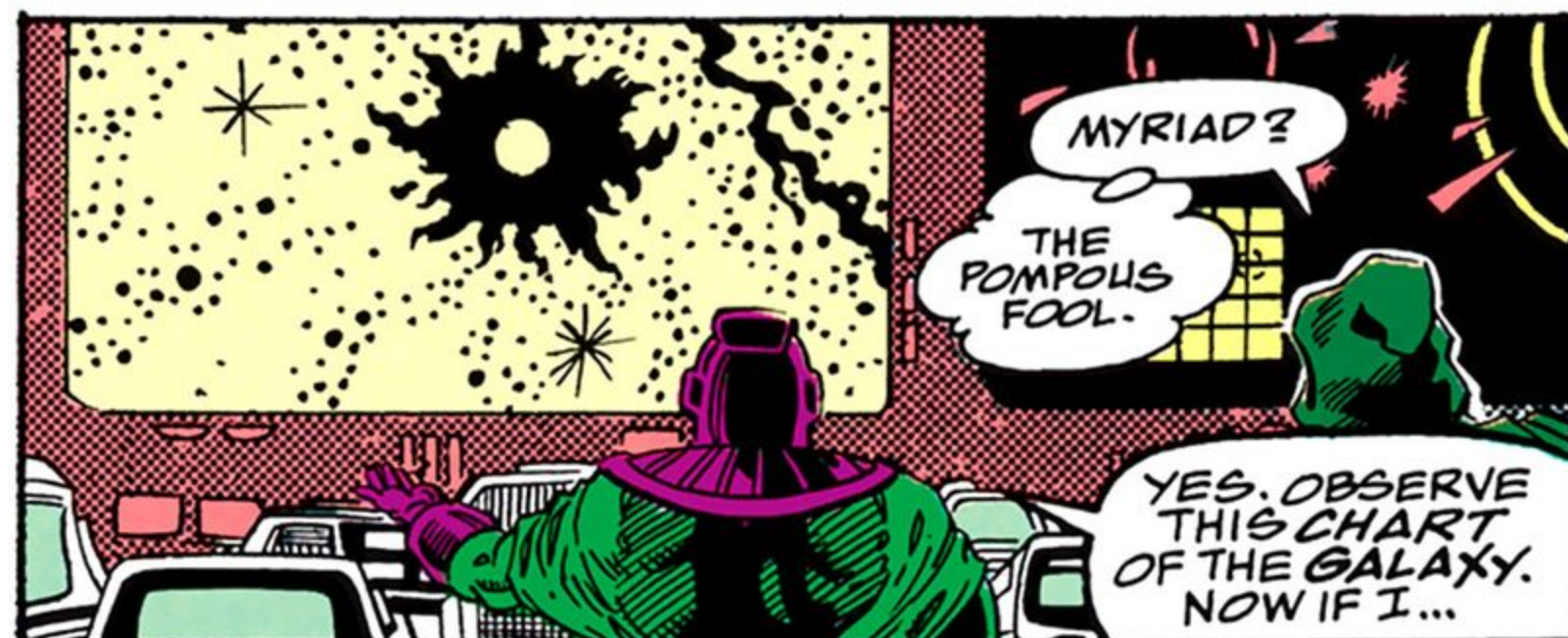
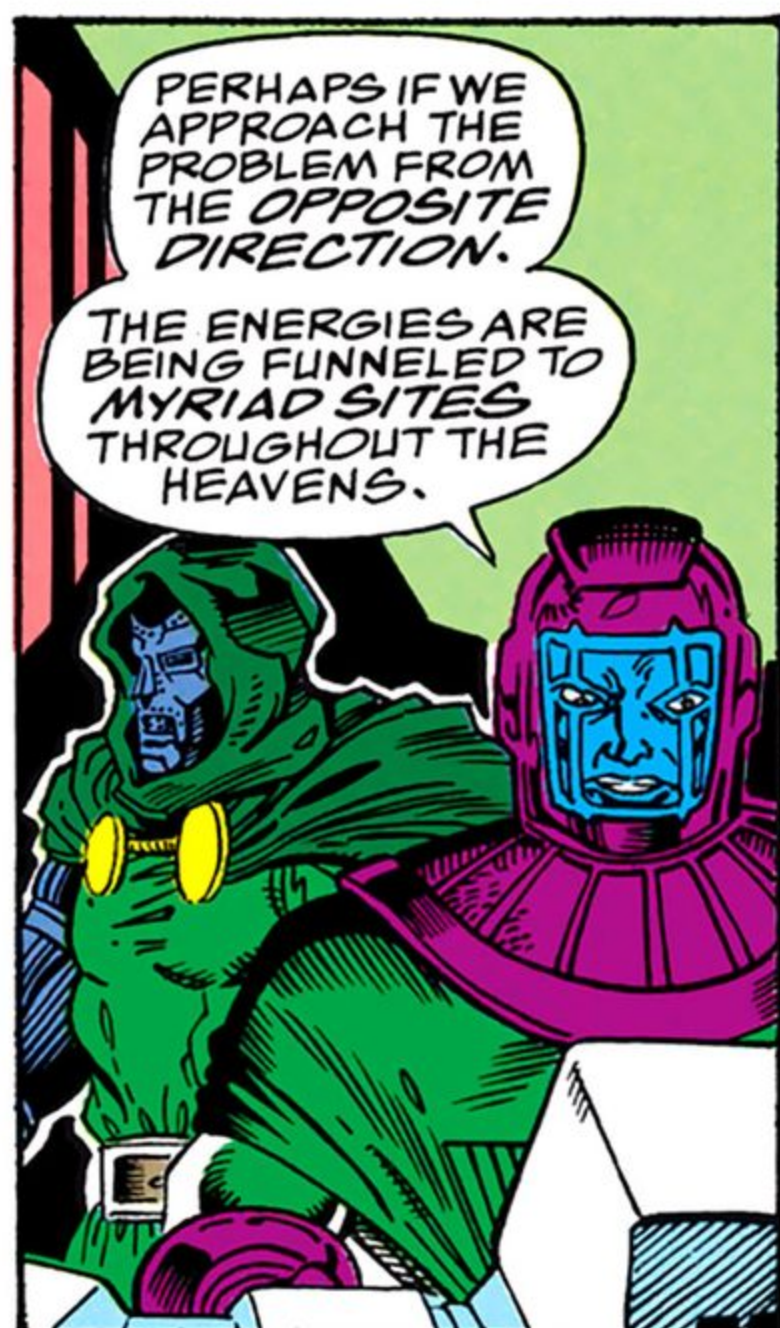


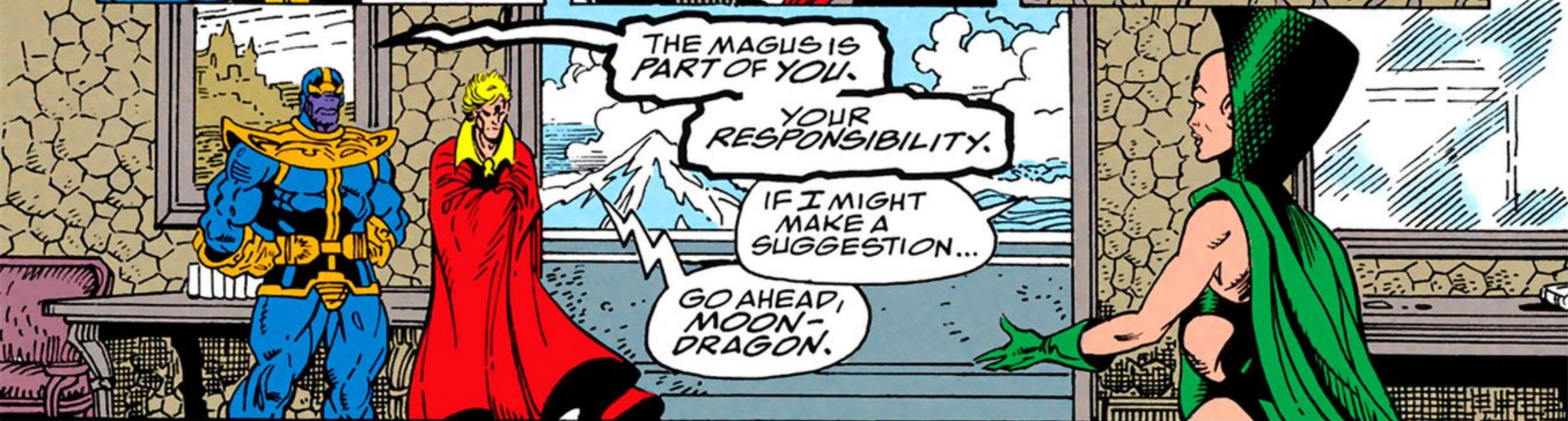
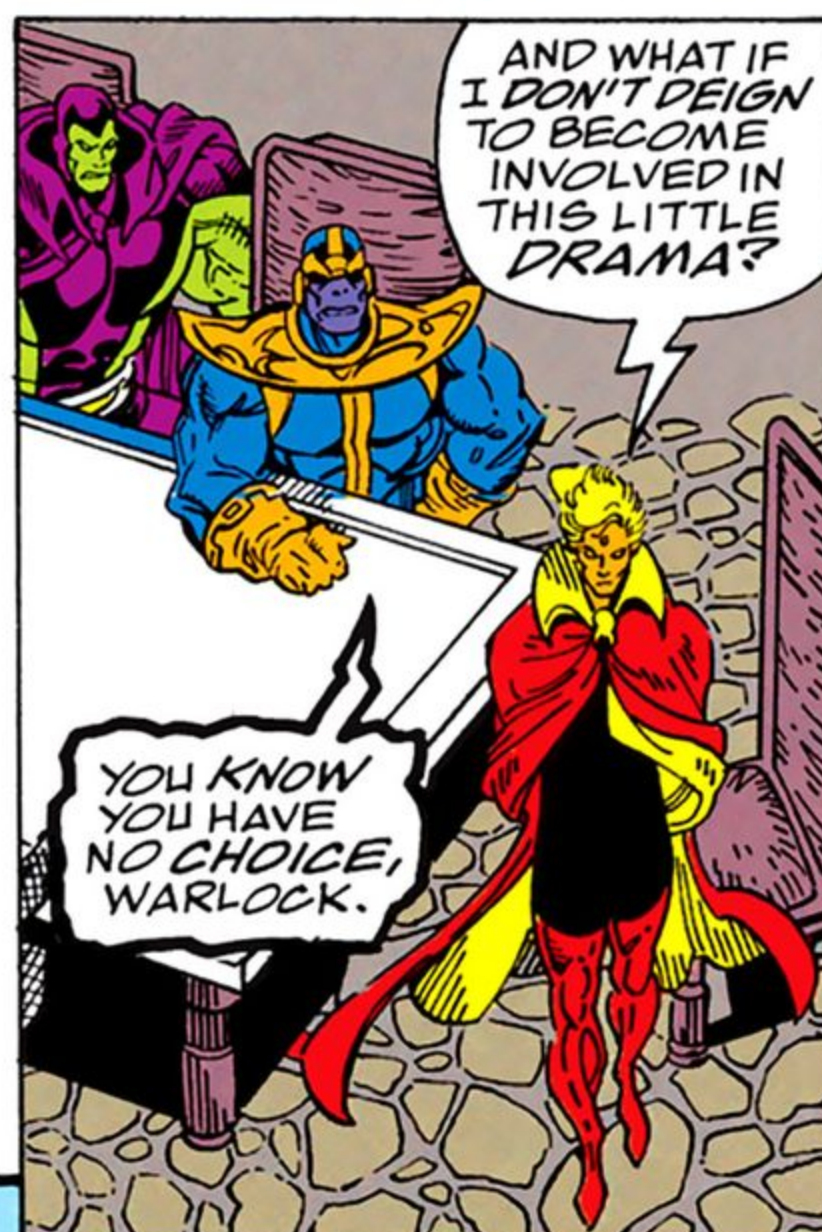
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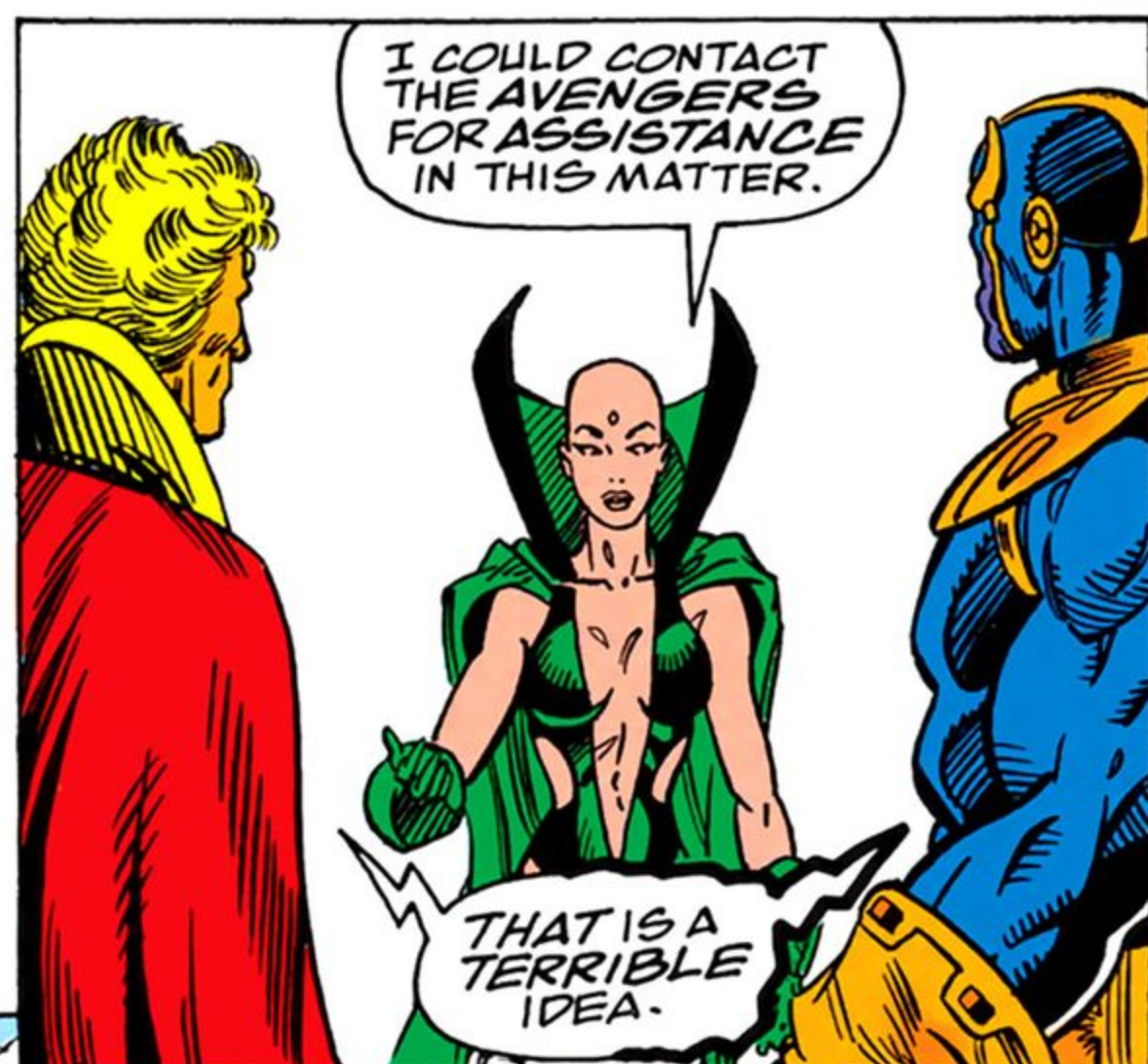
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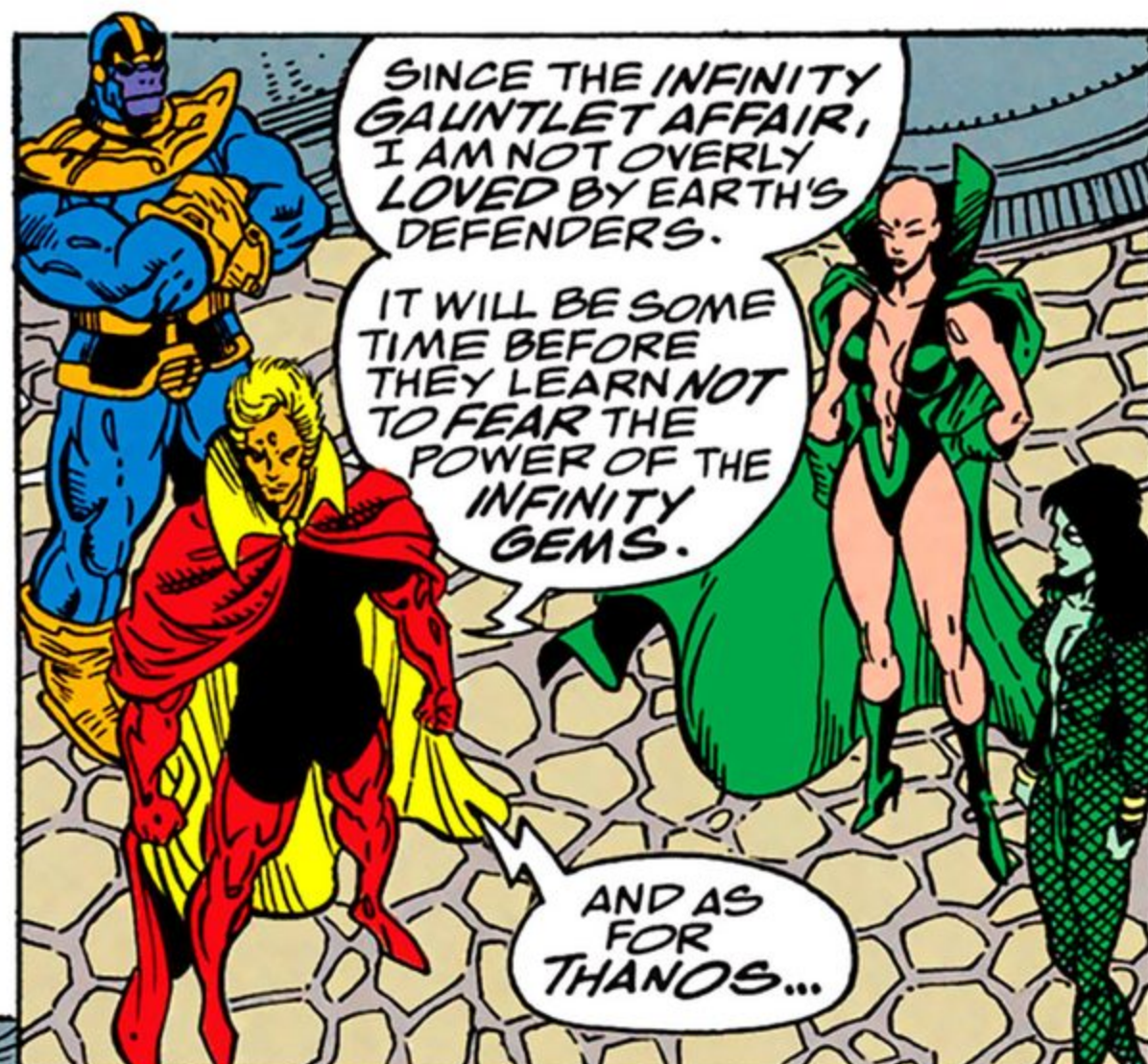






I COULD CONTACT THE AVENGERS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

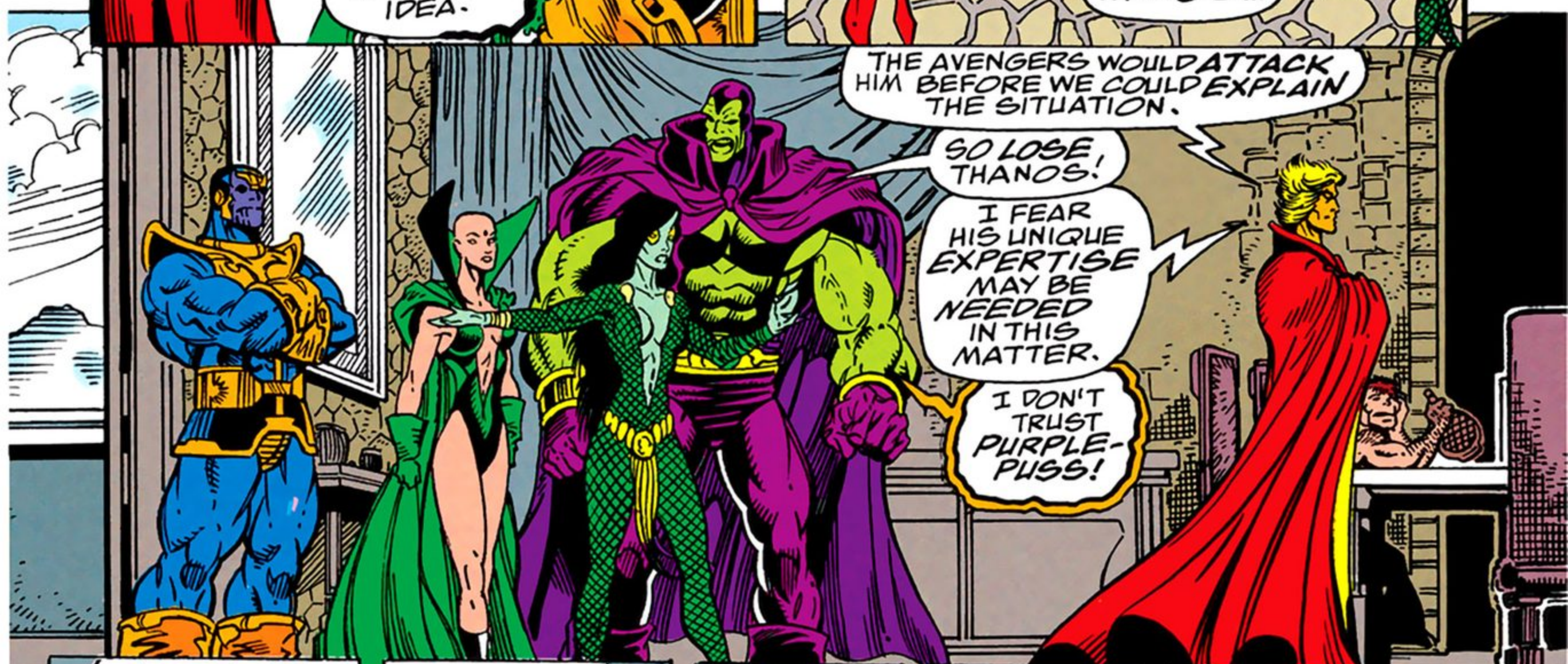
THAT IS A TERRIBLE IDEA.



SINCE THE INFINITY GAUNTLET AFFAIR, I AM NOT OVERLY LOVED BY EARTH'S DEFENDERS.

IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE THEY LEARN NOT TO FEAR THE POWER OF THE INFINITY GEMS.

AND AS FOR THANOS...



THE AVENGERS WOULD ATTACK HIM BEFORE WE COULD EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.

SO LOSE, THANOS!

I FEAR HIS UNIQUE EXPERTISE MAY BE NEEDED IN THIS MATTER.

I DON'T TRUST PURPLE-PUSS!



YOU SHOULD, DRAX. THE DATA HE PRESENTED CLEARLY SHOWS HIM NOT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERIL WE FACE.

LIKE IT OR NOT...



...FOR ONCE YOU AND THANOS ARE FIGHTING ON THE SAME SIDE.

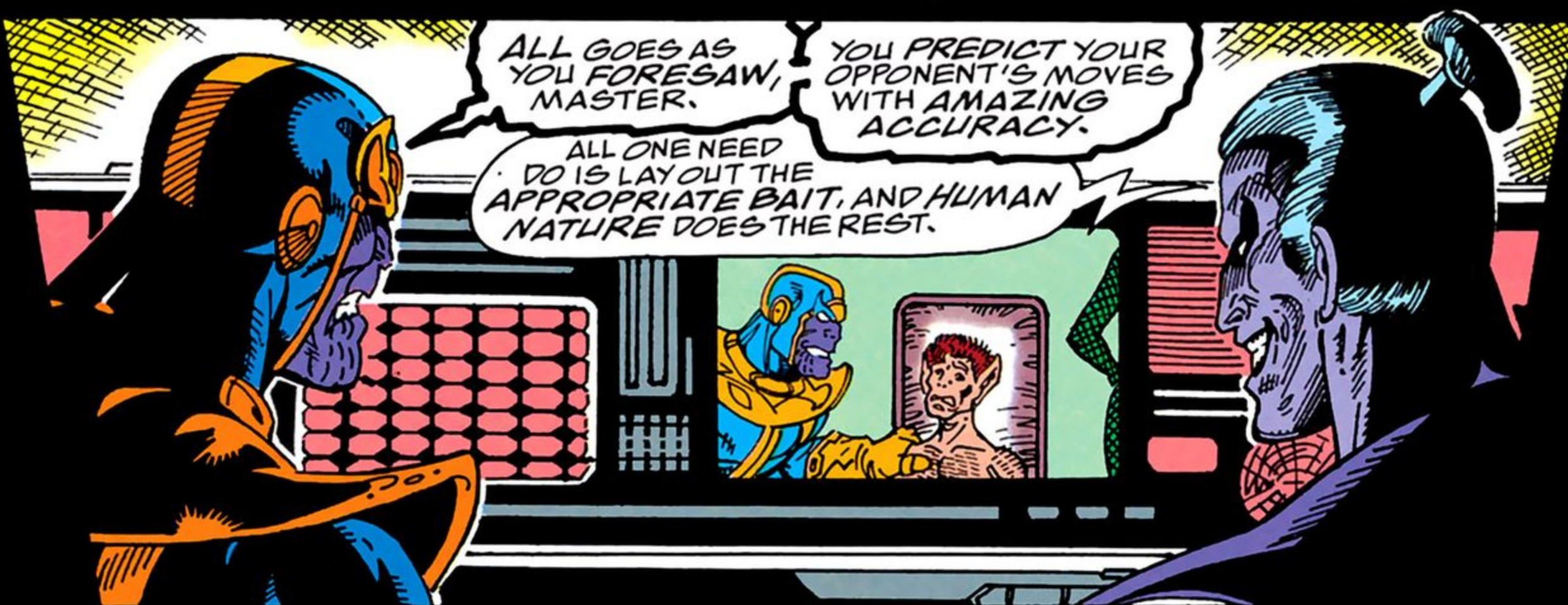
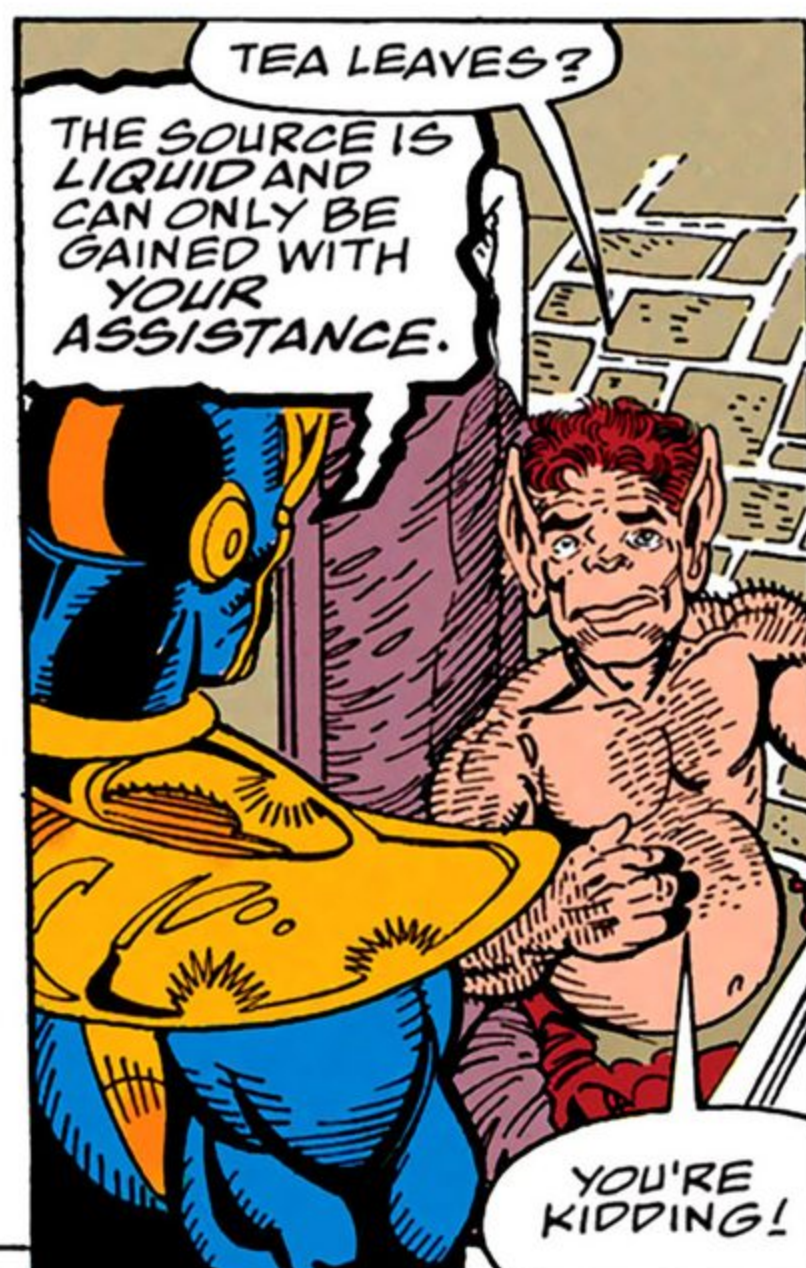
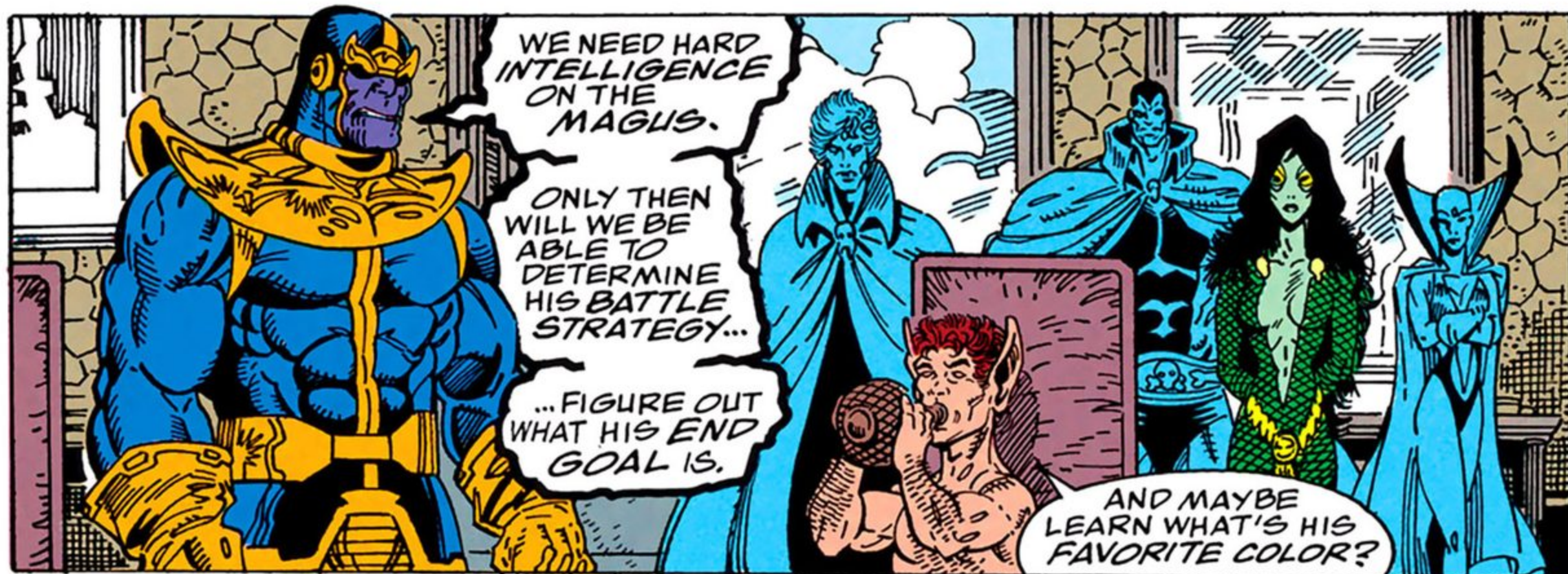


OKAY. I SMASH THANOS LATER.



I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.

SO WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?



IT IS A GAME PLAN
I CAN FIND NO
FAULT WITH.

WHICH IS WHY I
CHOSE YOU TO BE MY
ASSISTANT.

IN ALL THE GALAXY,
THERE IS NO GREATER
SCHEMER THAN
THANOS OF
TITAN.

BUT WILL THIS
ELABORATE
WEAVE ENSNARE
ADAM
WARLOCK?

YOUR OTHER
SELF IS SO
UNPREDICTABLE.

OTHER
SELF?

YOU MEAN MY
SHADE,
DON'T YOU?!

URGH!

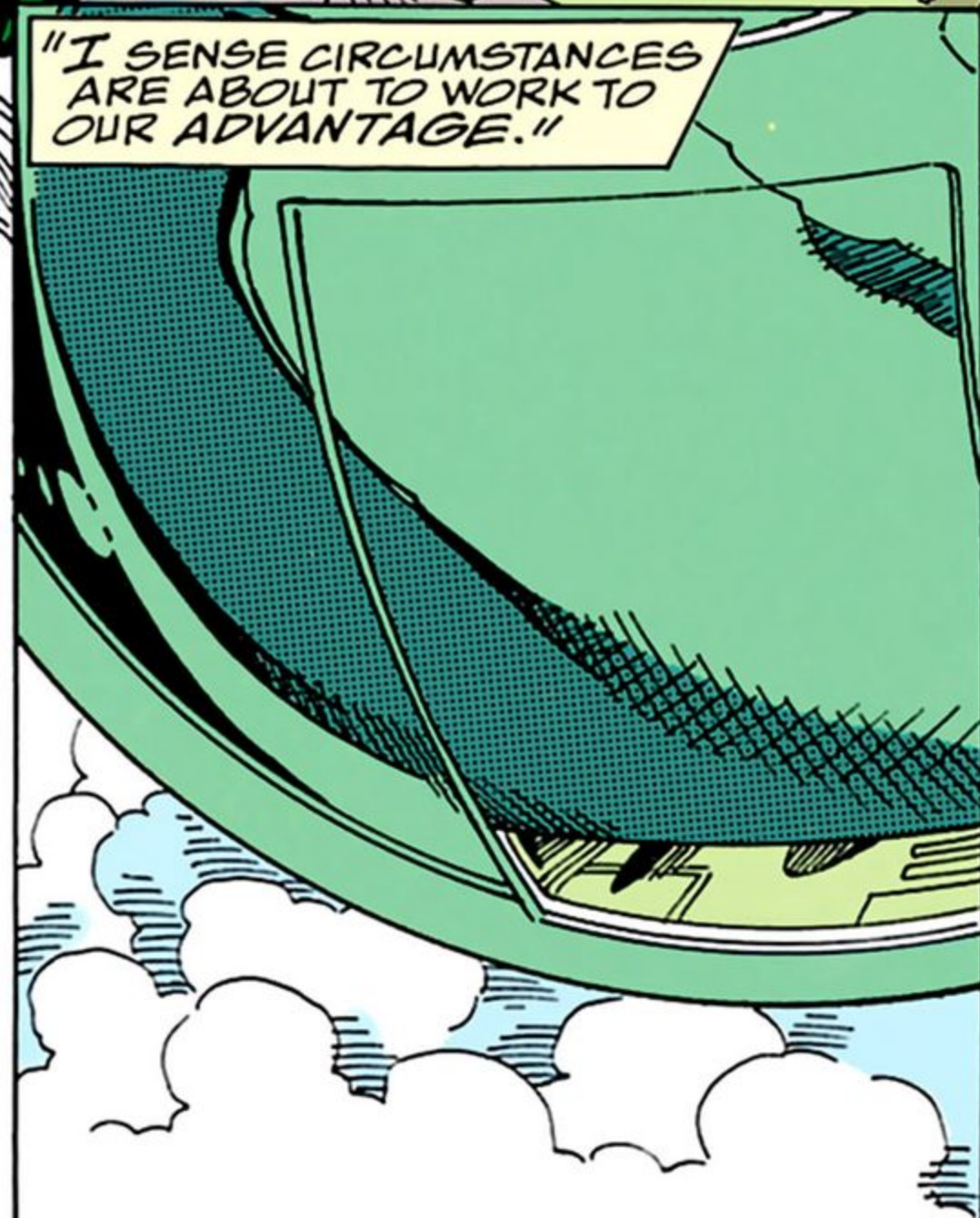
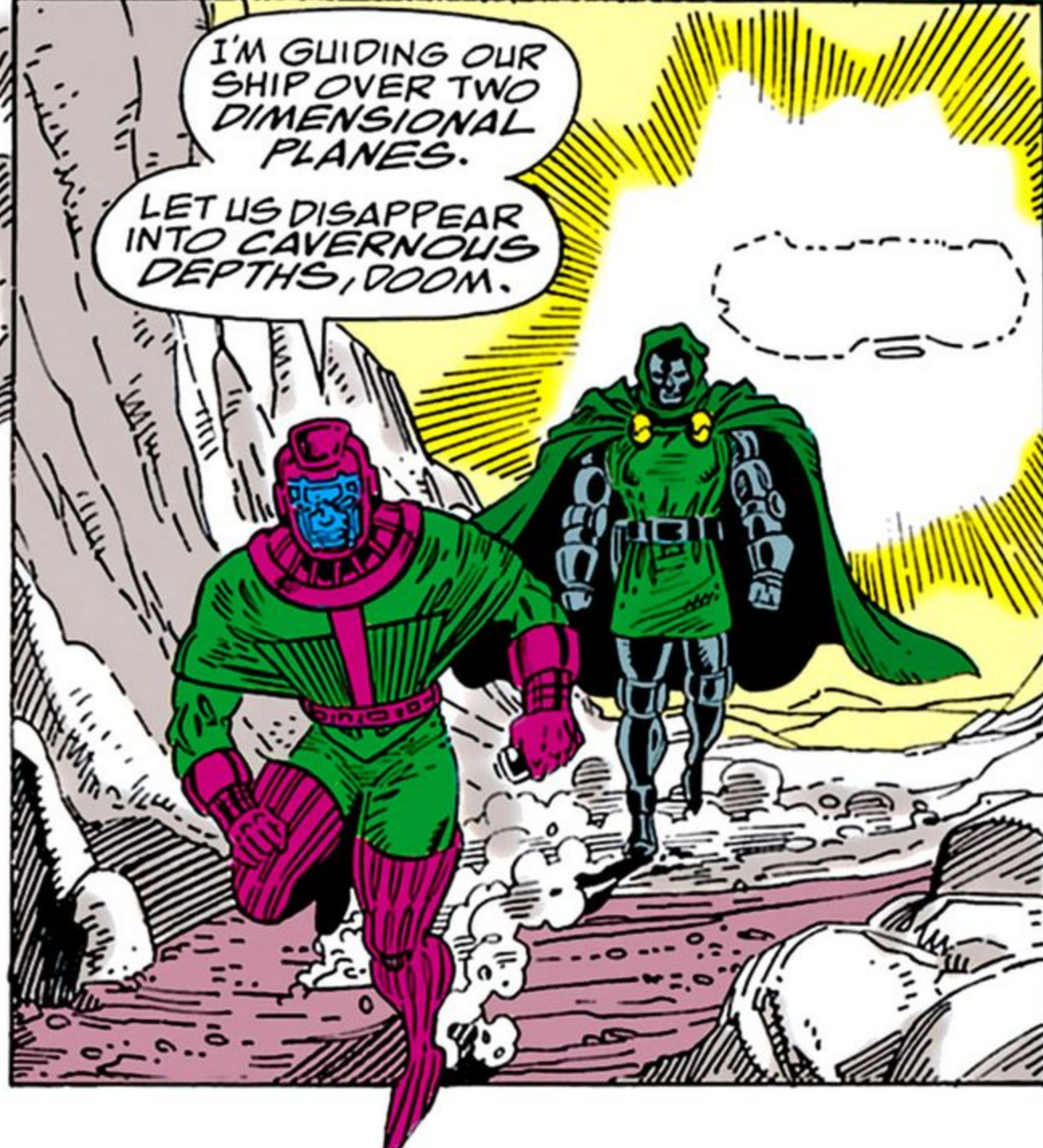
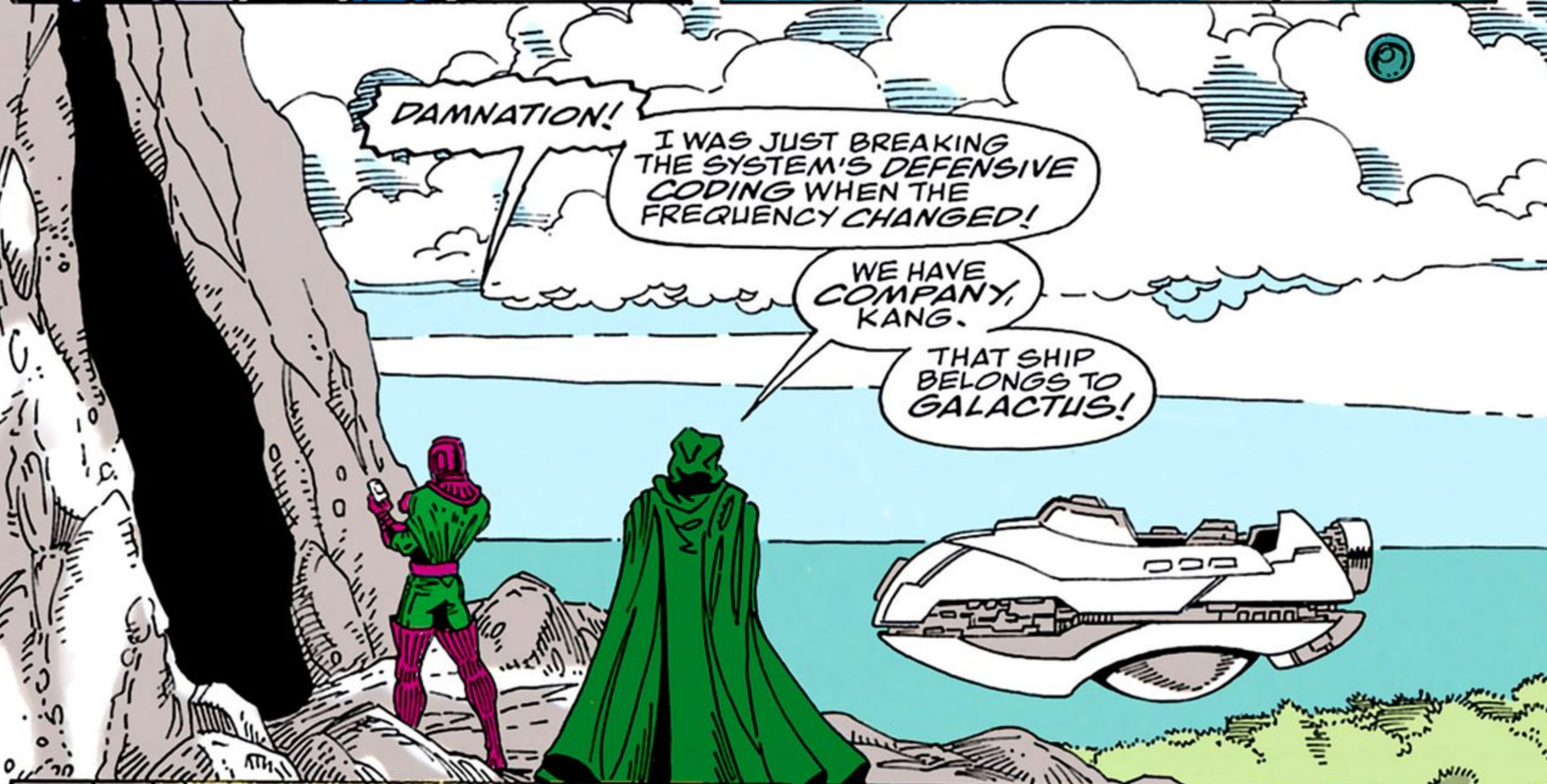
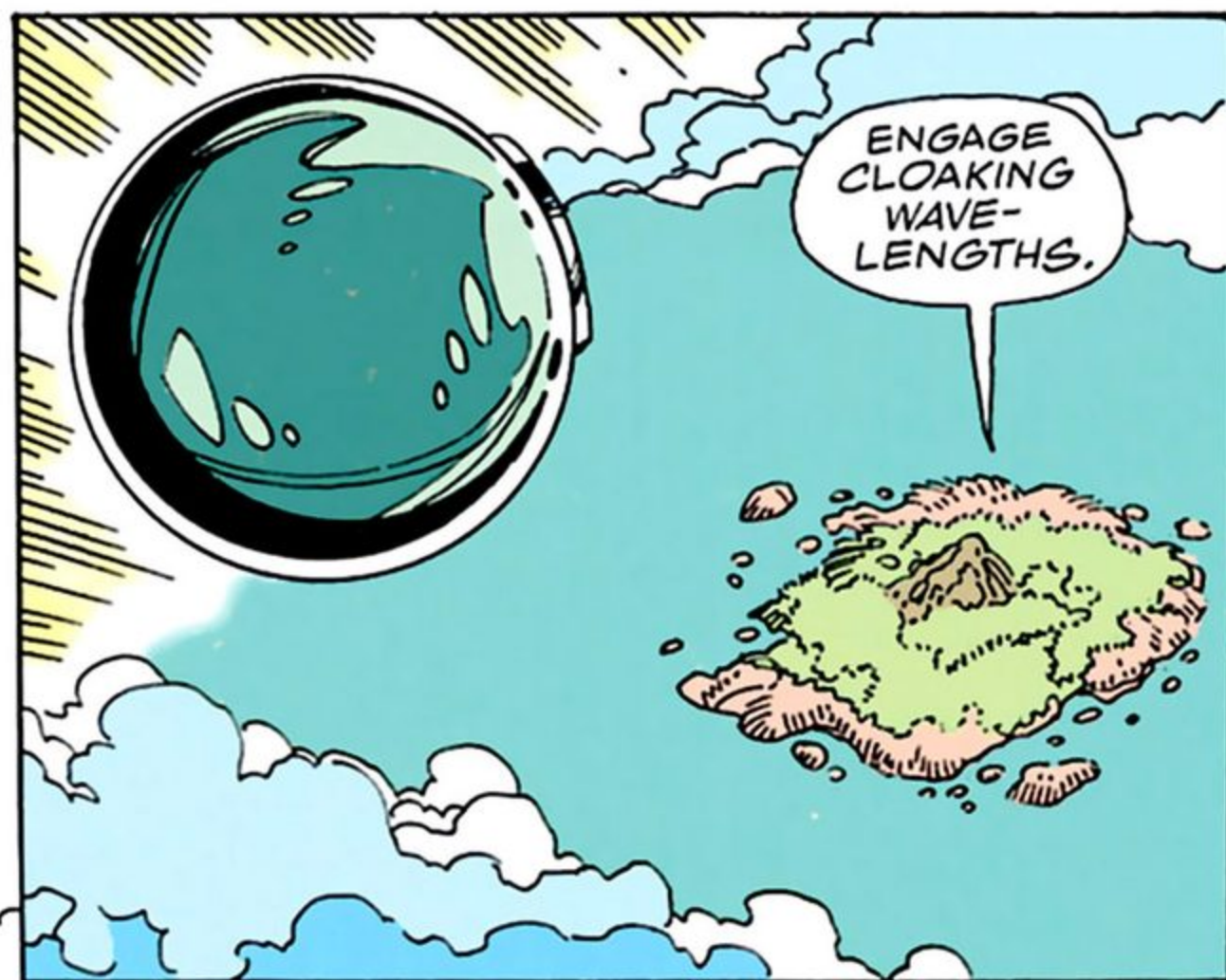
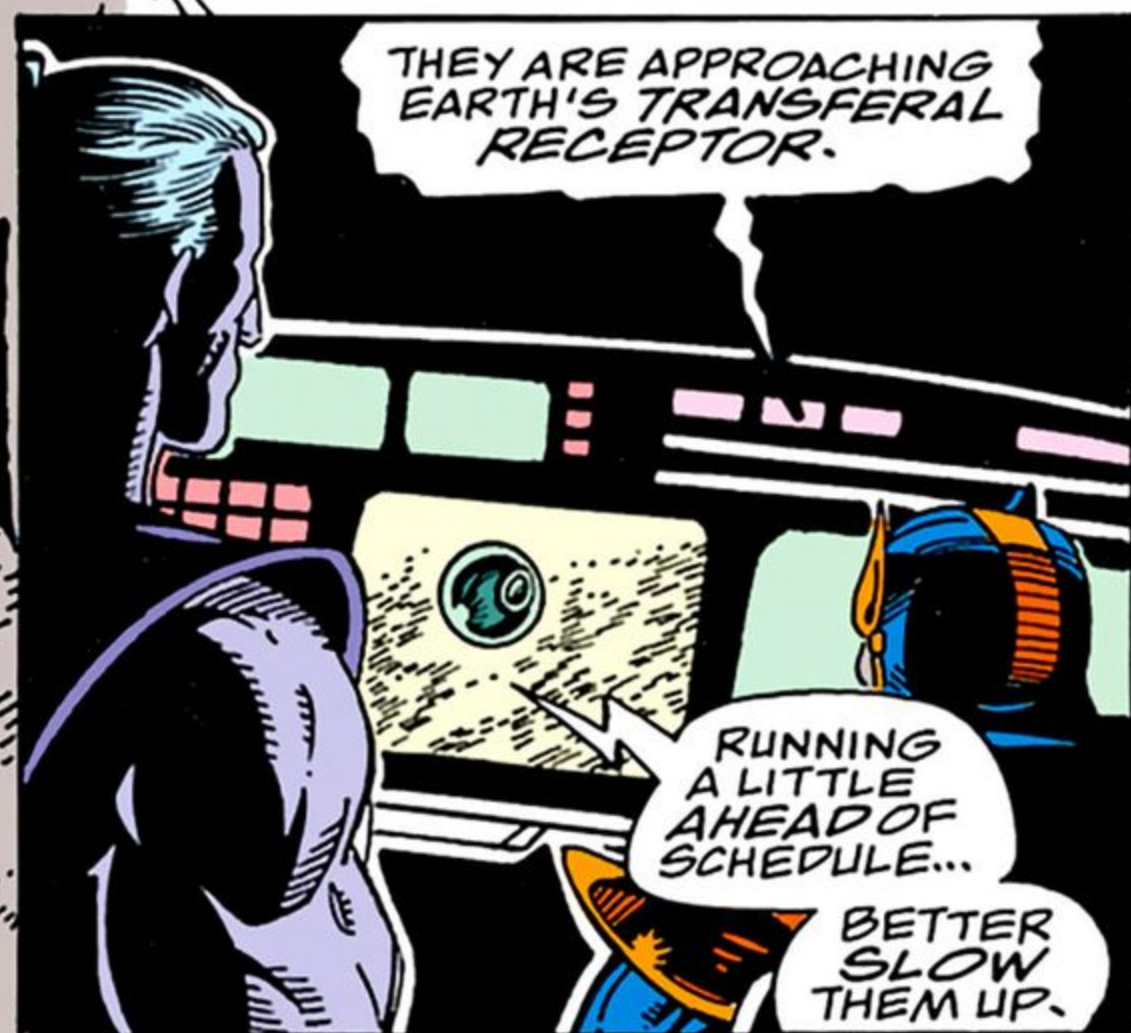
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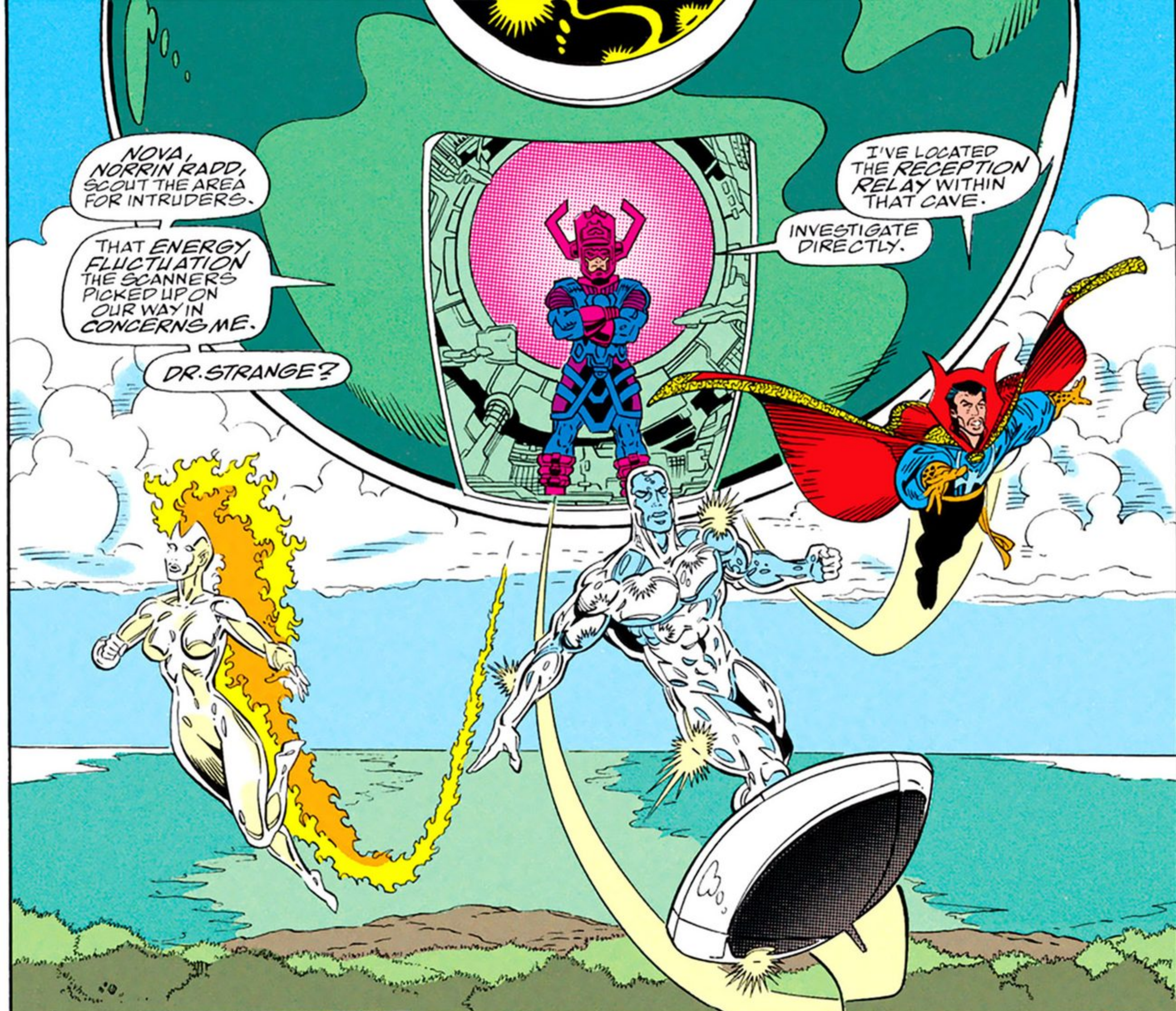
YOUR
SHADE.

NEVER
FORGET THAT
FACT.

DESPITE HIS VAUNTED
REPUTATION, WARLOCK
WILL ALSO FALL VICTIM
TO MY GUILE AND
CUNNING.

WHAT HAVE WE ON
THE GALACTUS
CONTINGENT?





NOVA,
NORRIN RADD,
SCOUT THE AREA
FOR INTRUDERS.

THAT ENERGY
FLUCTUATION
THE SCANNERS
PICKED UP ON
OUR WAY IN
CONCERNS ME.

DR. STRANGE?

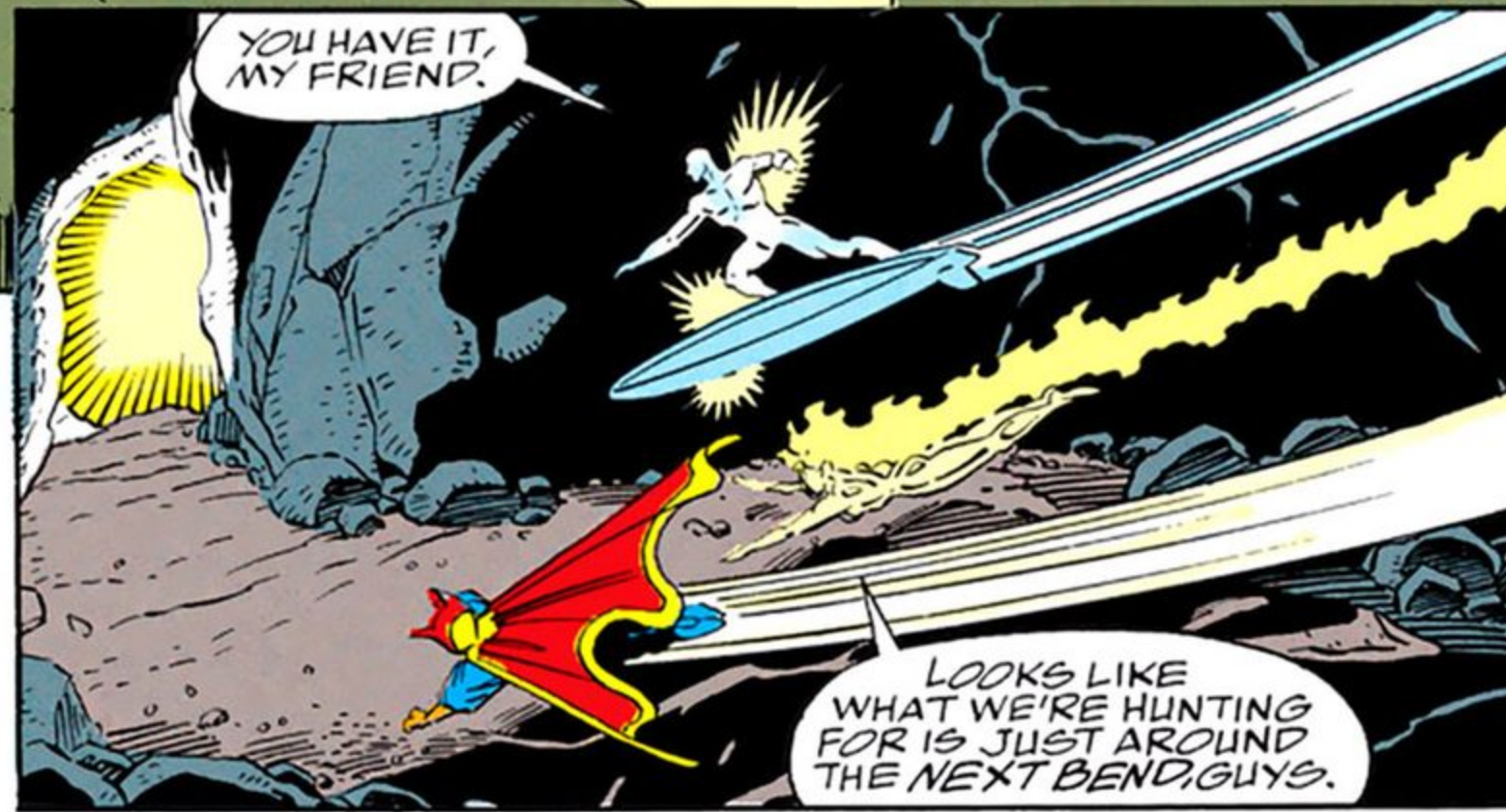
I'VE LOCATED
THE RECEPTION
RELAY WITHIN
THAT CAVE.

INVESTIGATE
DIRECTLY.



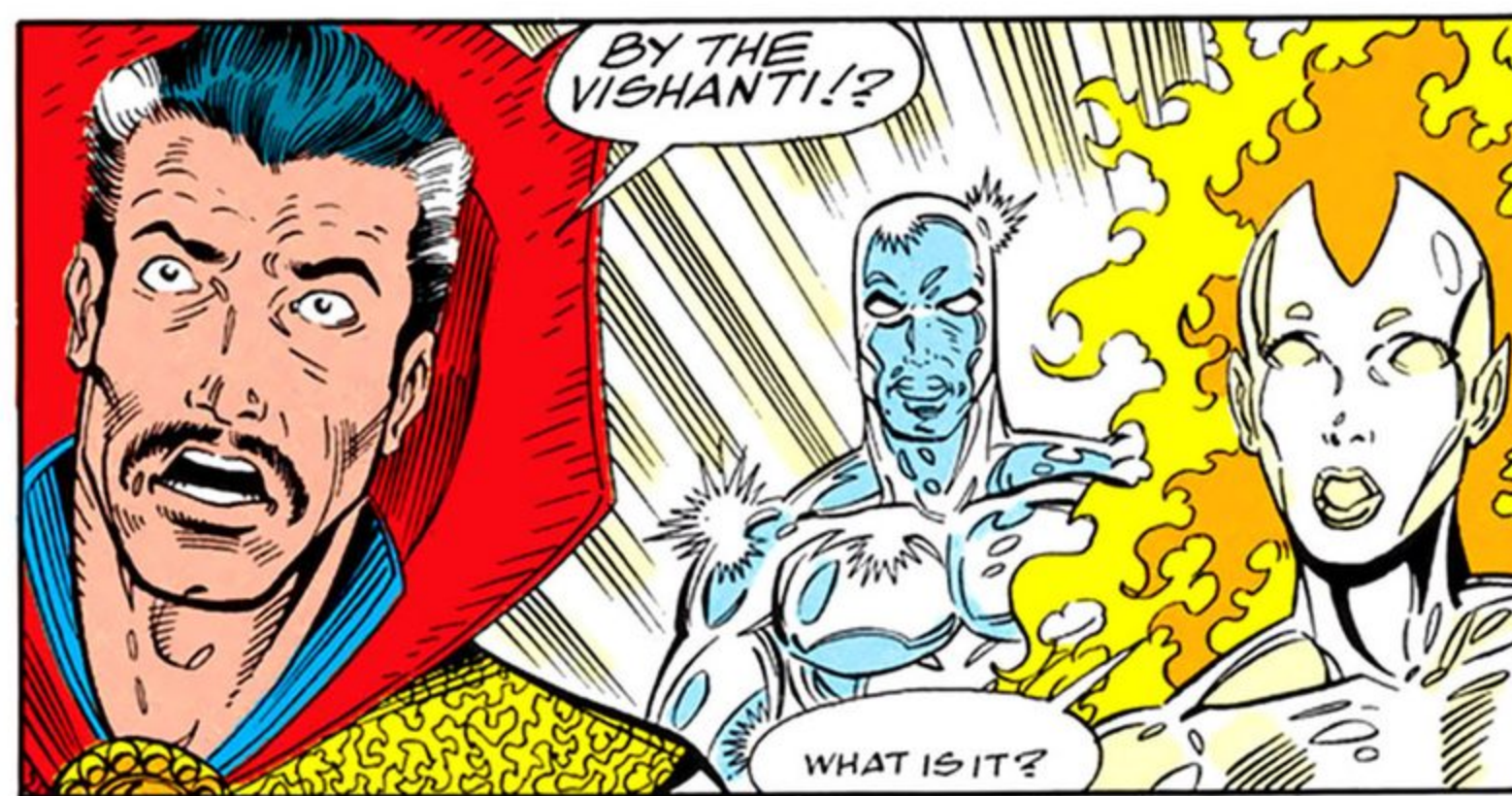
THIS WAY,
SURFER.

I MAY NEED
YOUR POWER
TO BACK ME
UP IN HERE.



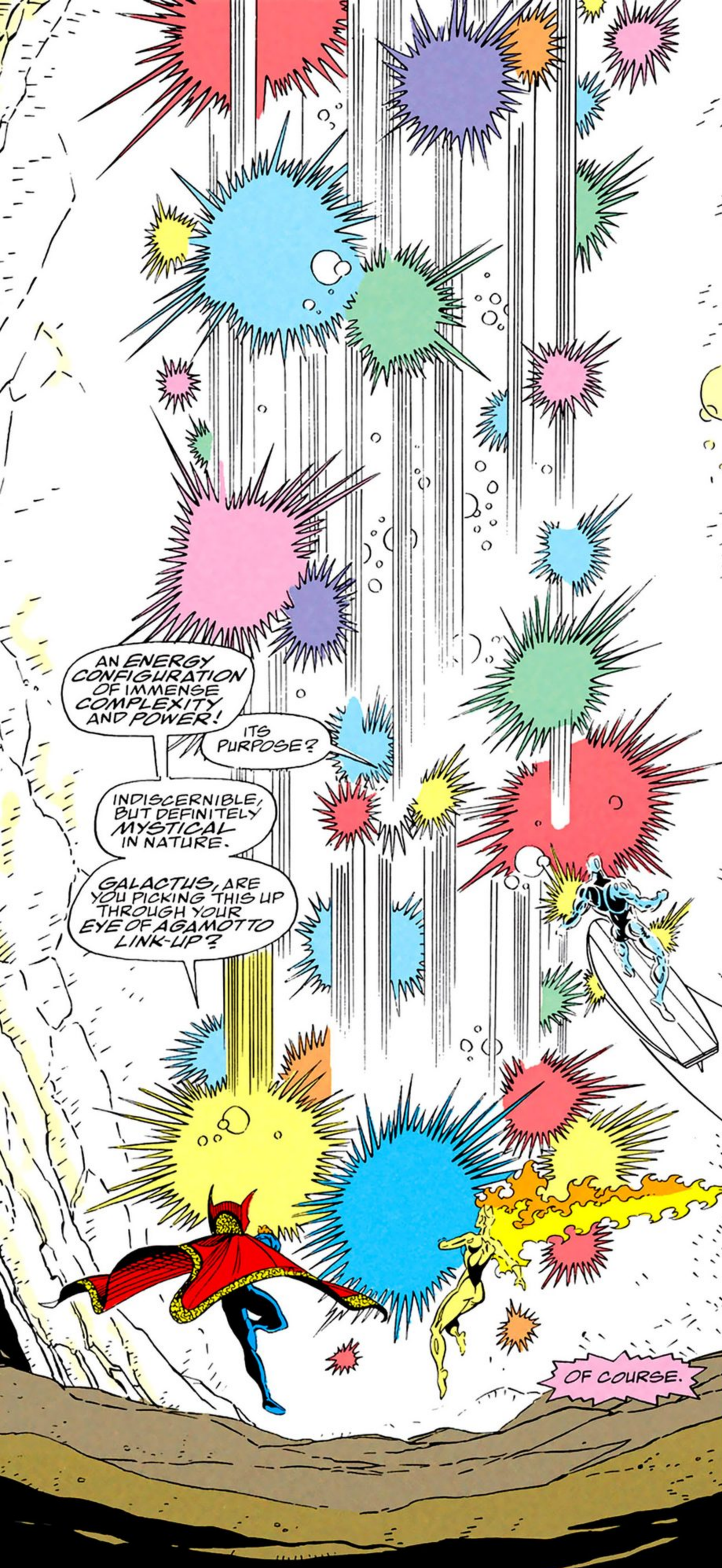
YOU HAVE IT,
MY FRIEND.

LOOKS LIKE
WHAT WE'RE HUNTING
FOR IS JUST AROUND
THE NEXT BEND, GUYS.



BY THE
VISHANTI!?!?

WHAT IS IT?



AN ENERGY
CONFIGURATION
OF IMMENSE
COMPLEXITY
AND POWER!

ITS
PURPOSE?

INDISCERNIBLE,
BUT DEFINITELY
MYSTICAL
IN NATURE.

GALACTUS, ARE
YOU PICKING THIS UP
THROUGH YOUR
EYE OF AGAMOTTO
LINK-UP?

OF COURSE.



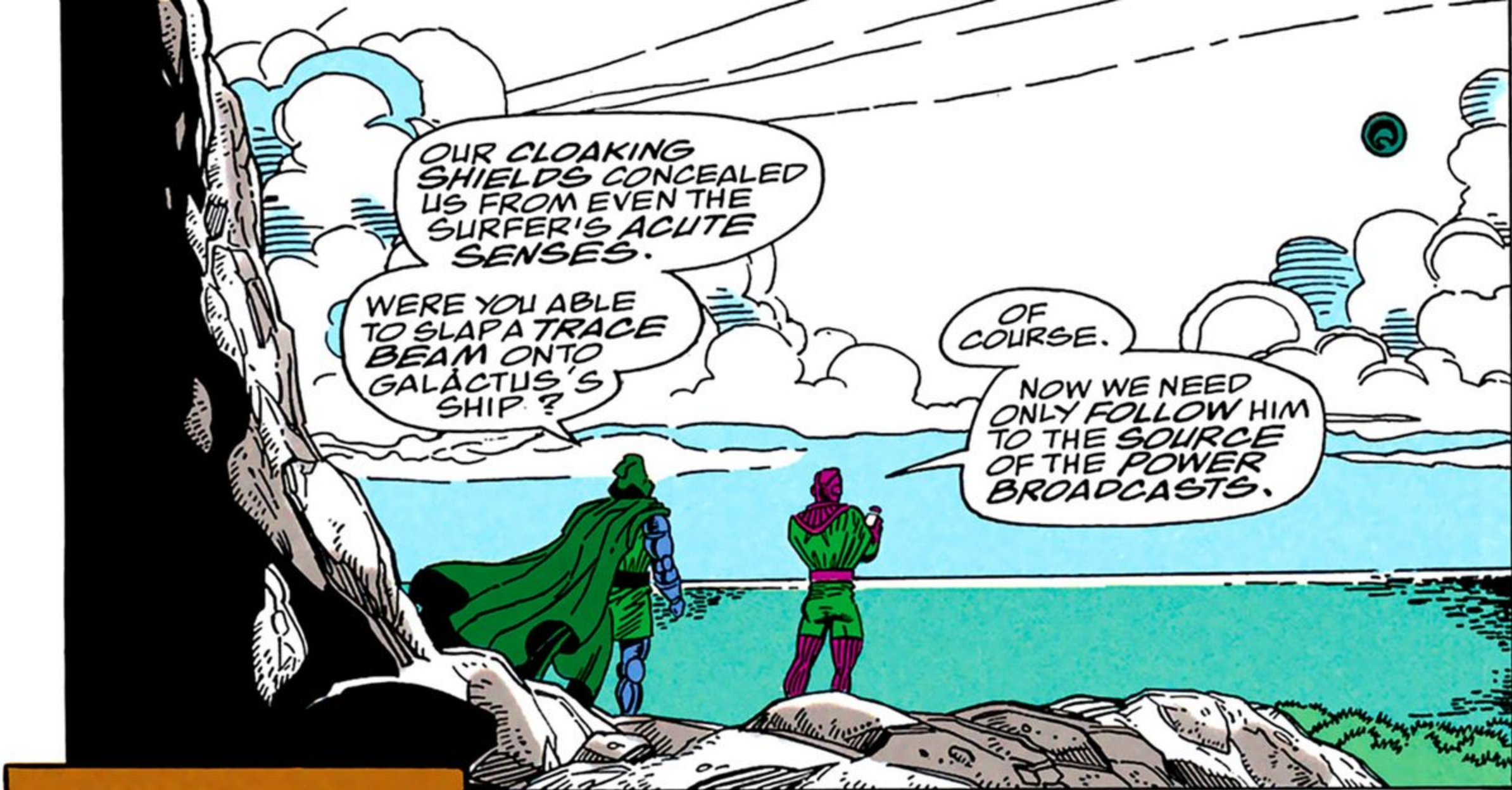
I BELIEVE WITH
YOUR ASSISTANCE
MY ON-BOARDS
WILL BE ABLE TO
TRACK THESE
EMISSIONS
TO THEIR
SOURCE.

BUT
THE SIGNAL
CONTINUES
TO VARY IN
WAVELENGTH.



IT DOES NOT
MATTER.

RETURN
IMMEDIATELY
TO THE CRAFT
AND LET US BE
OFF.



OUR CLOAKING SHIELDS CONCEALED US FROM EVEN THE SURFER'S ACUTE SENSES.

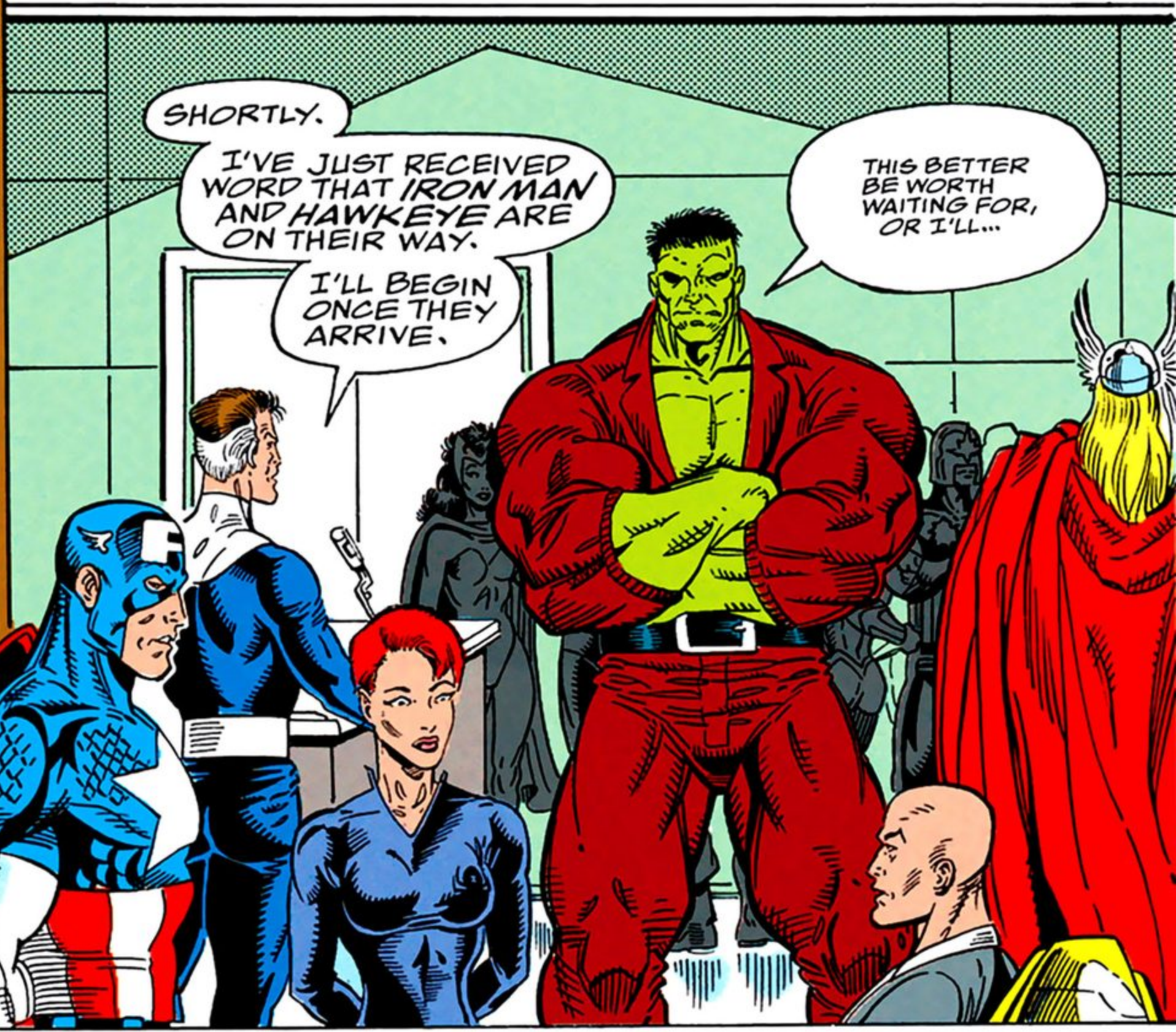
WERE YOU ABLE TO SLAP A TRACE BEAM ONTO GALACTUS'S SHIP?

OF COURSE.

NOW WE NEED ONLY FOLLOW HIM TO THE SOURCE OF THE POWER BROADCASTS.



LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

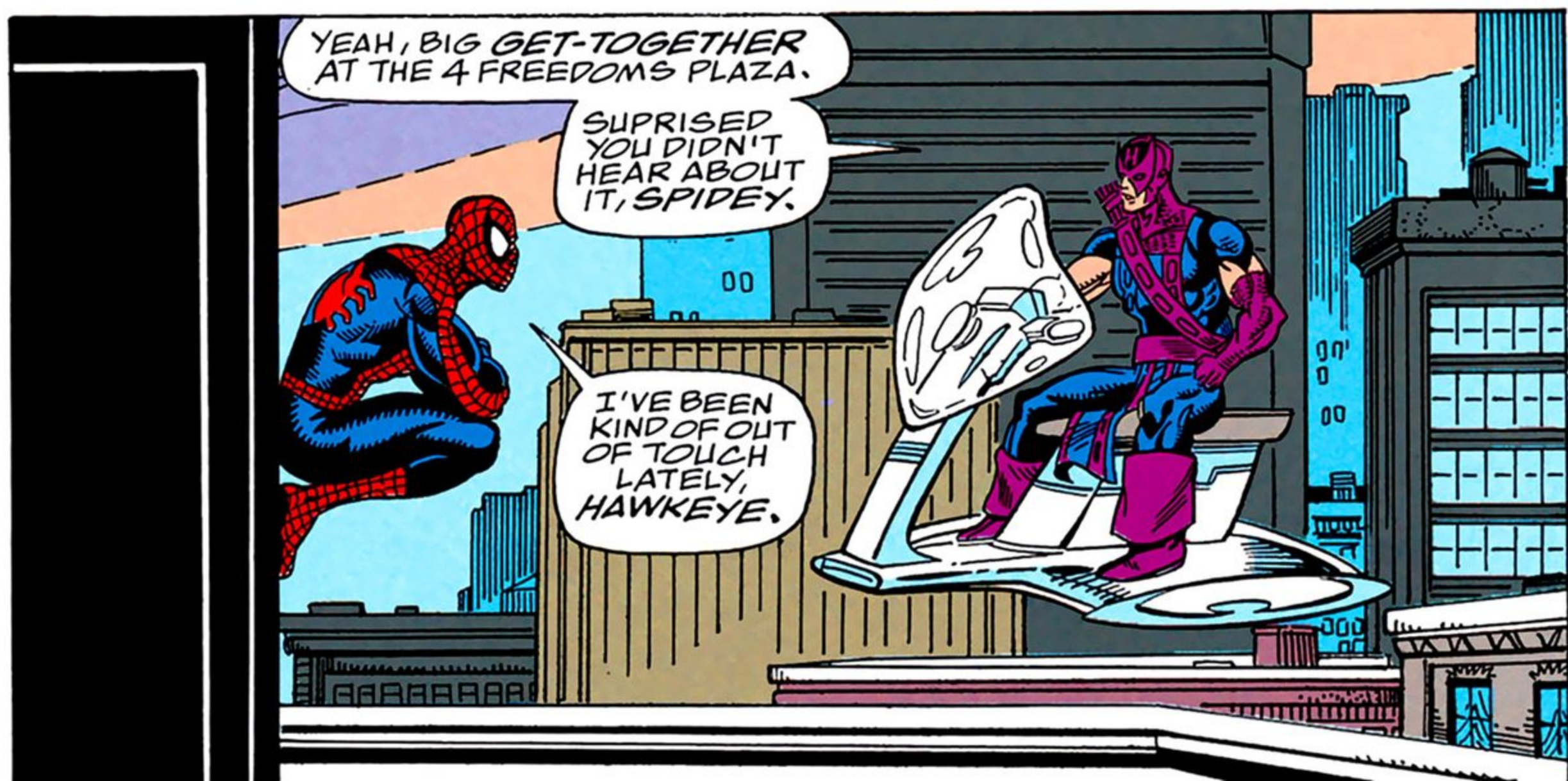


SHORTLY.

I'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT IRON MAN AND HAWKEYE ARE ON THEIR WAY.

I'LL BEGIN ONCE THEY ARRIVE.

THIS BETTER BE WORTH WAITING FOR, OR I'LL...

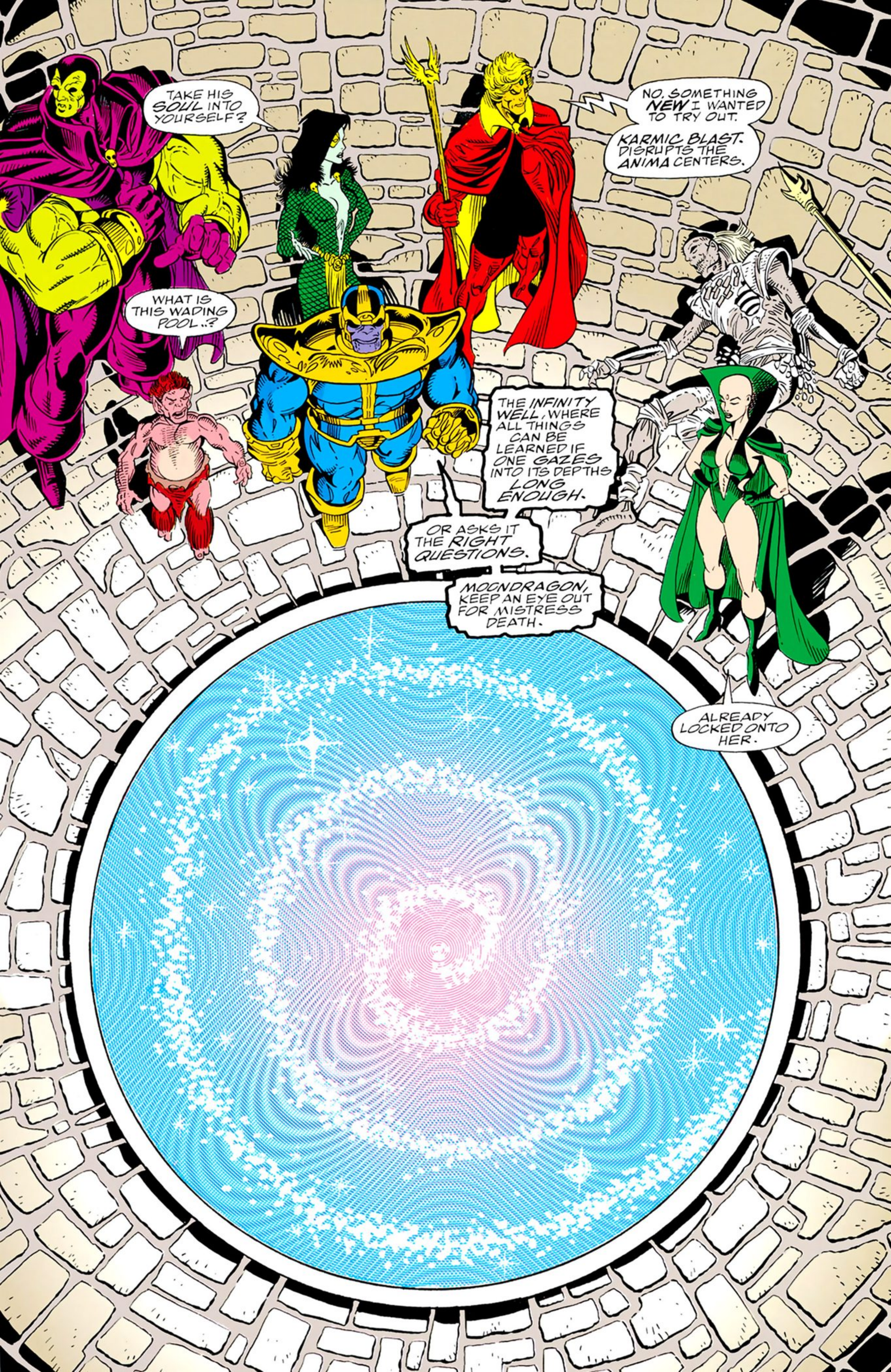


YEAH, BIG GET-TOGETHER AT THE 4 FREEDOMS PLAZA.

SUPRISED YOU DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT, SPIDEY.

I'VE BEEN KIND OF OUT OF TOUCH LATELY, HAWKEYE.





TAKE HIS SOUL INTO YOURSELF?

WHAT IS THIS WADING POOL..?

NO, SOMETHING NEW I WANTED TO TRY OUT.

KARMIC BLAST. DISRUPTS THE ANIMA CENTERS.

THE INFINITY WELL, WHERE ALL THINGS CAN BE LEARNED IF ONE GAZES INTO ITS DEPTHS LONG ENOUGH.

OR ASKS IT THE RIGHT QUESTIONS.

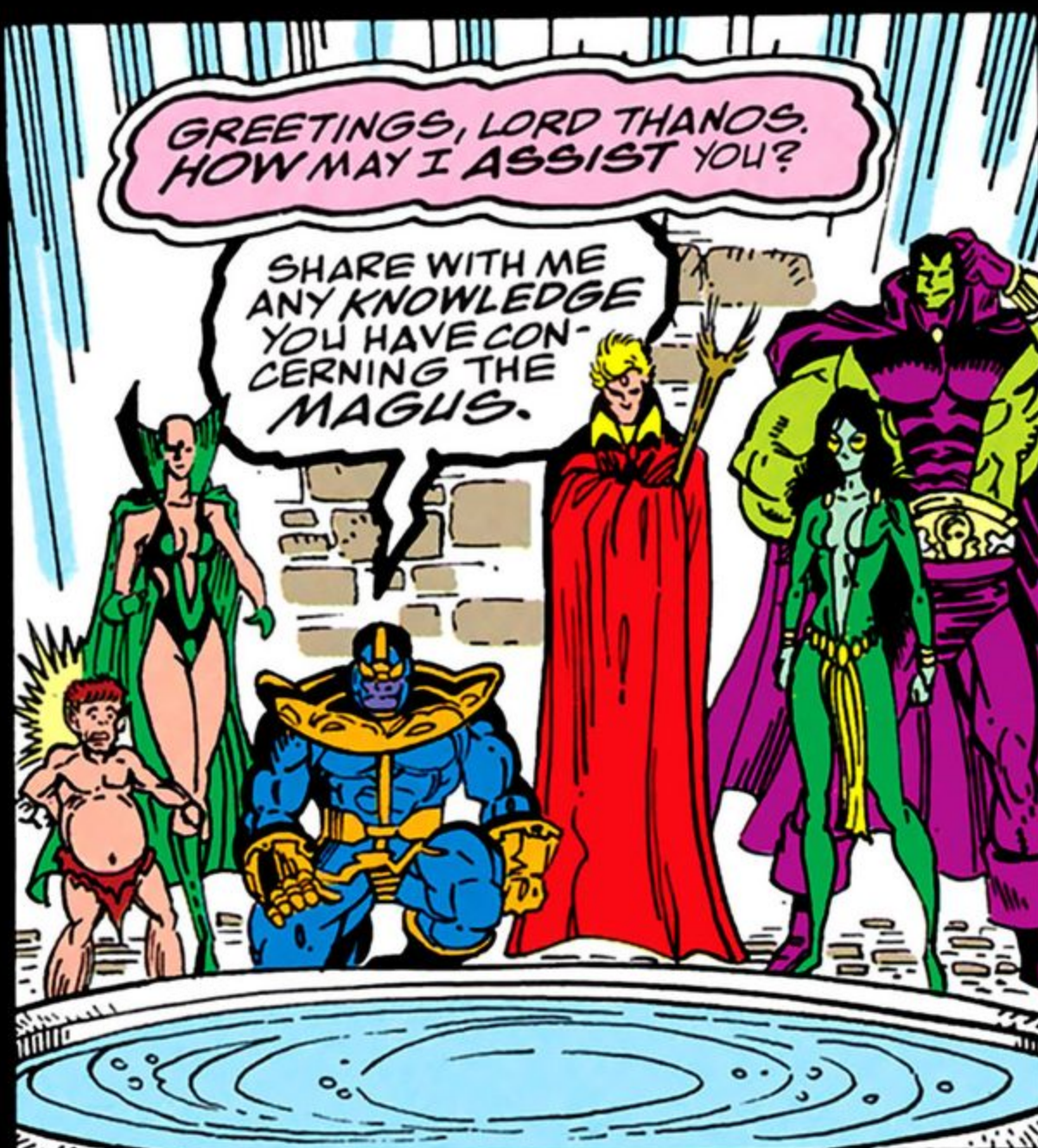
MOONDRAGON, KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MISTRESS DEATH.

ALREADY LOCKED ONTO HER.



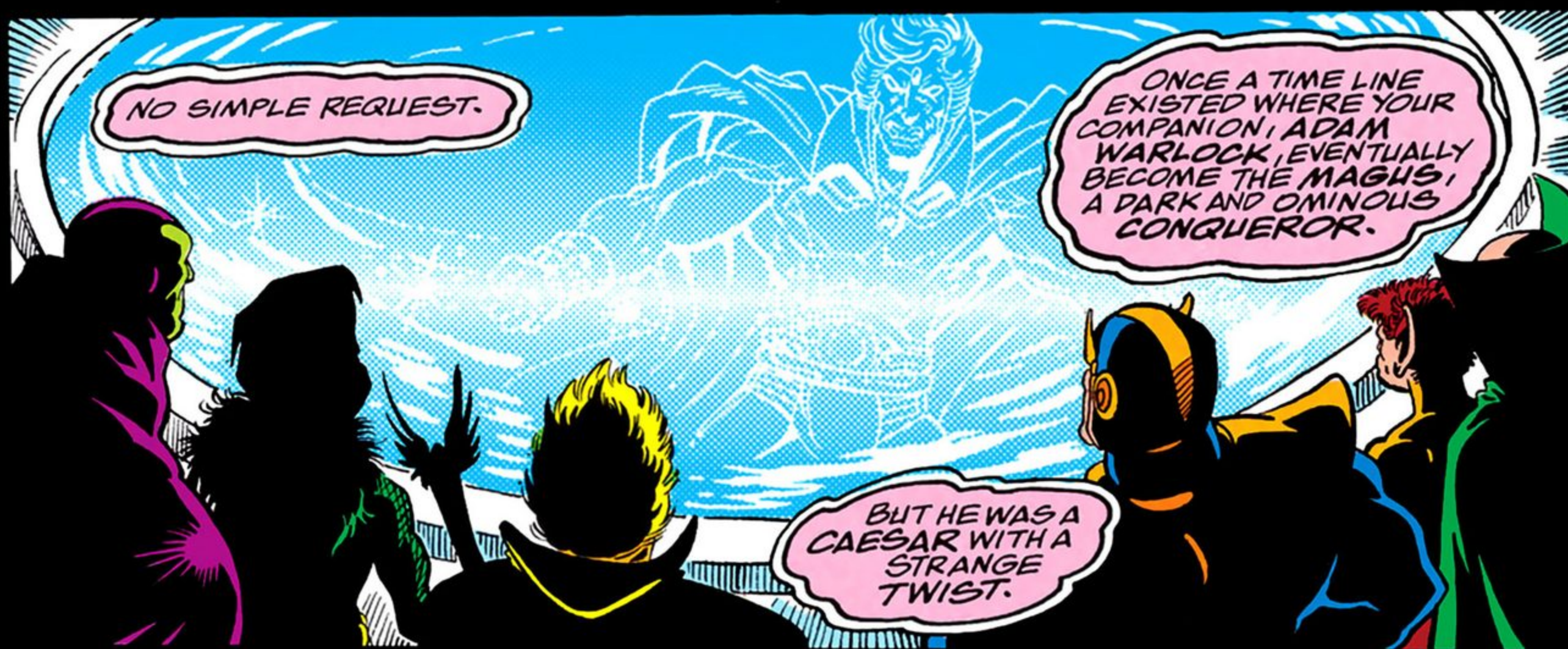
YOU SAY YOU
CAN SPEAK
WITH THIS
WELL?

BY SIMPLY
STIRRING
ITS WATERS.



GREETINGS, LORD THANOS.
HOW MAY I ASSIST YOU?

SHARE WITH ME
ANY KNOWLEDGE
YOU HAVE CON-
CERNING THE
MAGUS.



NO SIMPLE REQUEST.

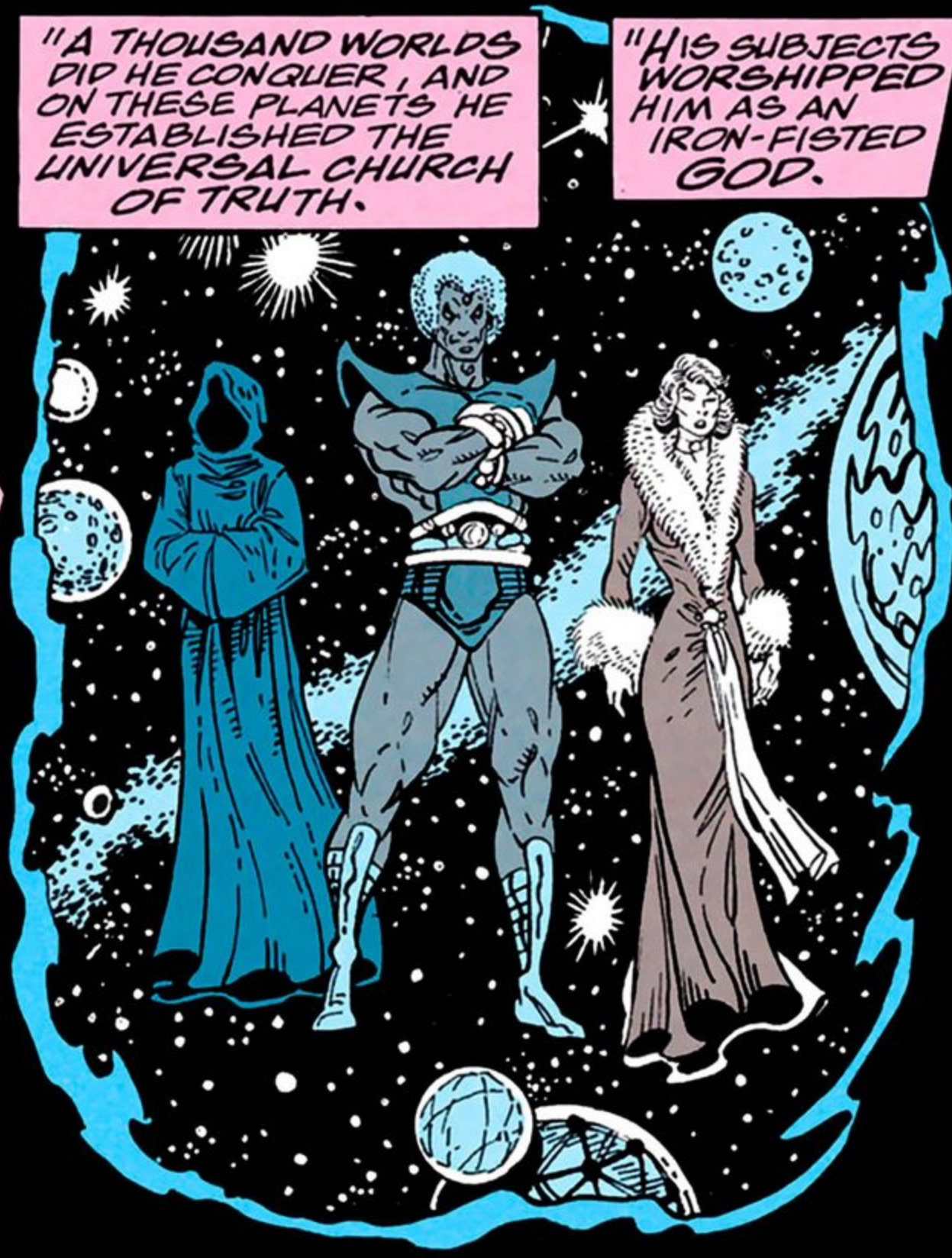
ONCE A TIME LINE
EXISTED WHERE YOUR
COMPANION, ADAM
WARLOCK, EVENTUALLY
BECAME THE MAGUS,
A DARK AND OMINOUS
CONQUEROR.

BUT HE WAS A
CAESAR WITH A
STRANGE
TWIST.



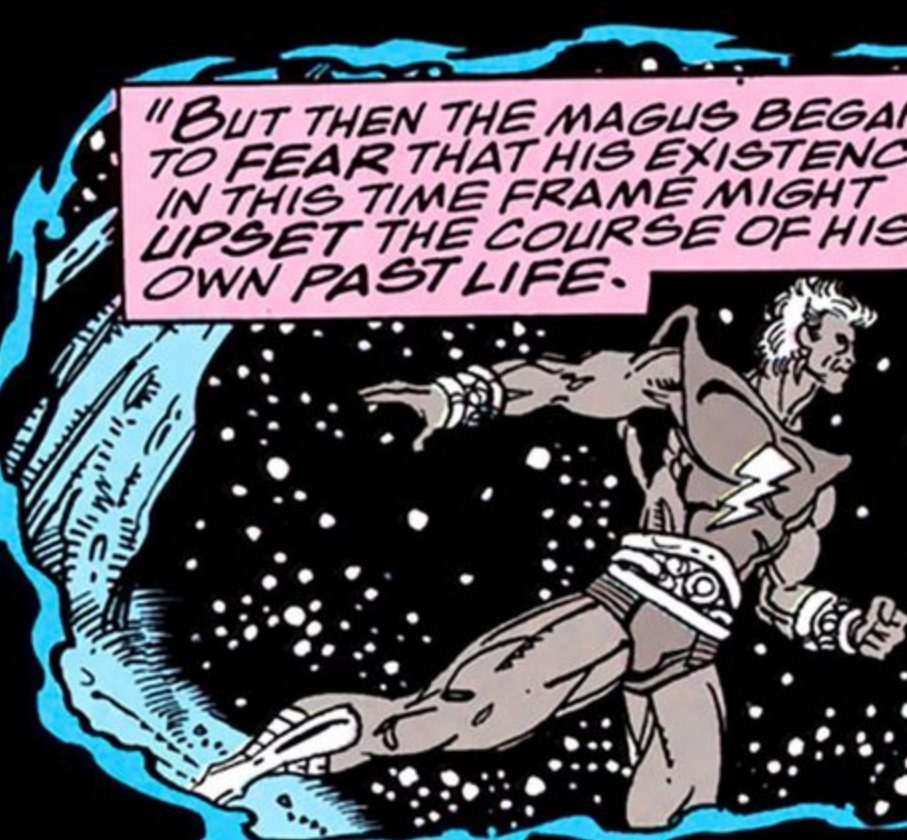
"IN ORDER TO
ASSURE HIS
CONTROL OF
THE FUTURE,
HE RETURNED
TO THE PAST
TO CEMENT
HIS BASE OF
POWER.

"HIS
MIGHT
AND
INTIMATE
KNOWLEDGE
OF WHAT
HAD BEEN
ASSURED
HIS
SUCCESS.



"A THOUSAND WORLDS
DID HE CONQUER, AND
ON THESE PLANETS HE
ESTABLISHED THE
UNIVERSAL CHURCH
OF TRUTH.

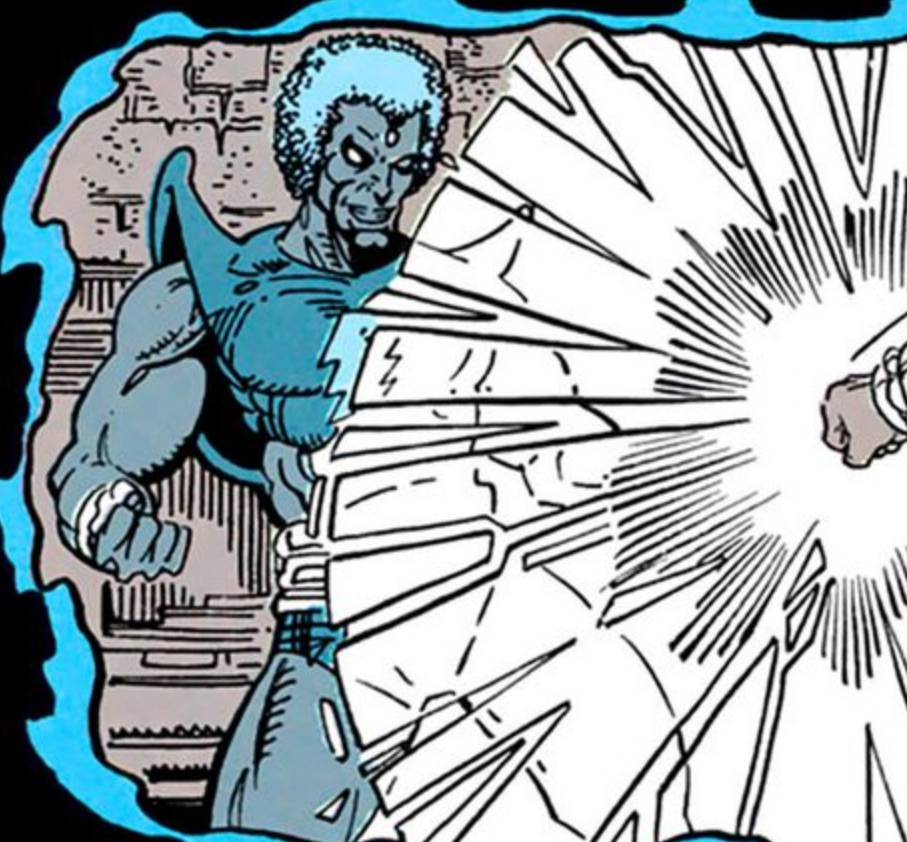
"HIS SUBJECTS
WORSHIPPED
HIM AS AN
IRON-FISTED
GOD.



"BUT THEN THE MAGUS BEGAN TO FEAR THAT HIS EXISTENCE IN THIS TIME FRAME MIGHT UPSET THE COURSE OF HIS OWN PAST LIFE."



"SO HE BEGAN CAREFULLY ENGINEERING HIS OWN CREATION FROM THE ASHES OF ADAM WARLOCK'S DESTRUCTION."



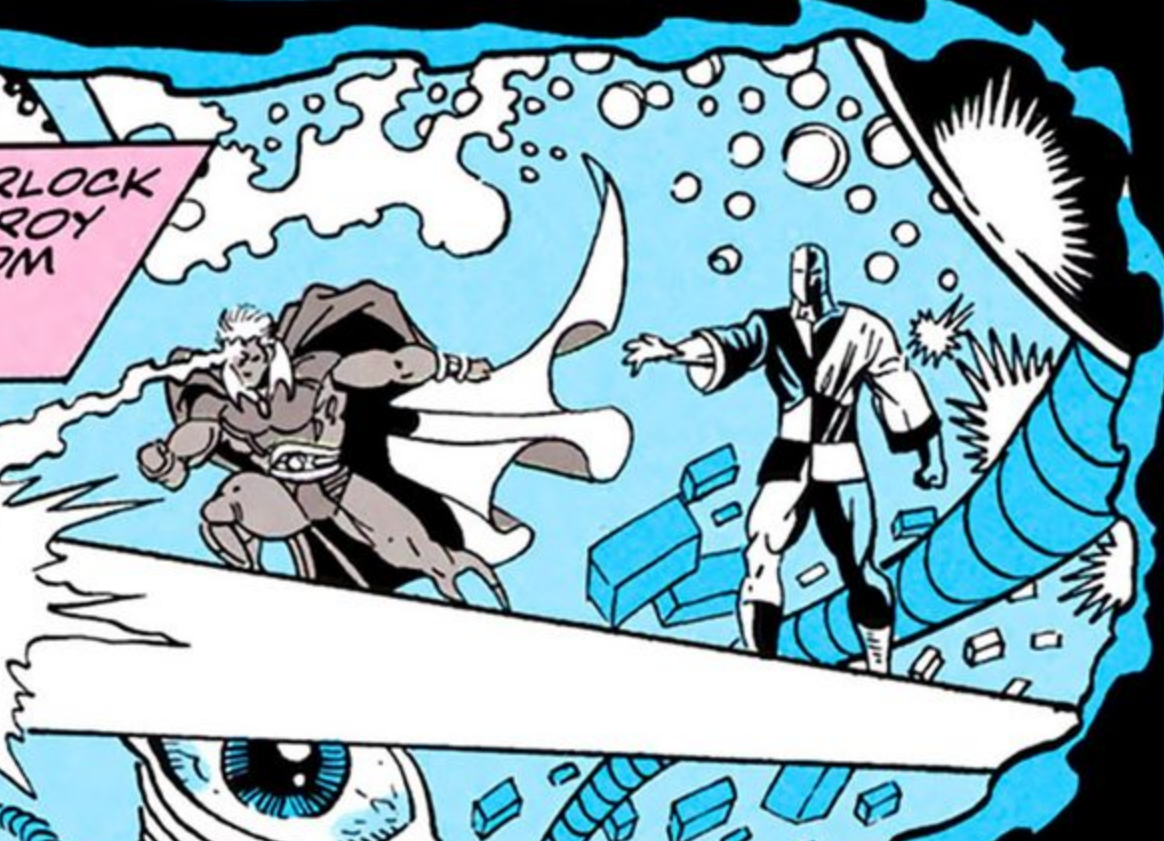
"HIS ONE FATAL MISTAKE."



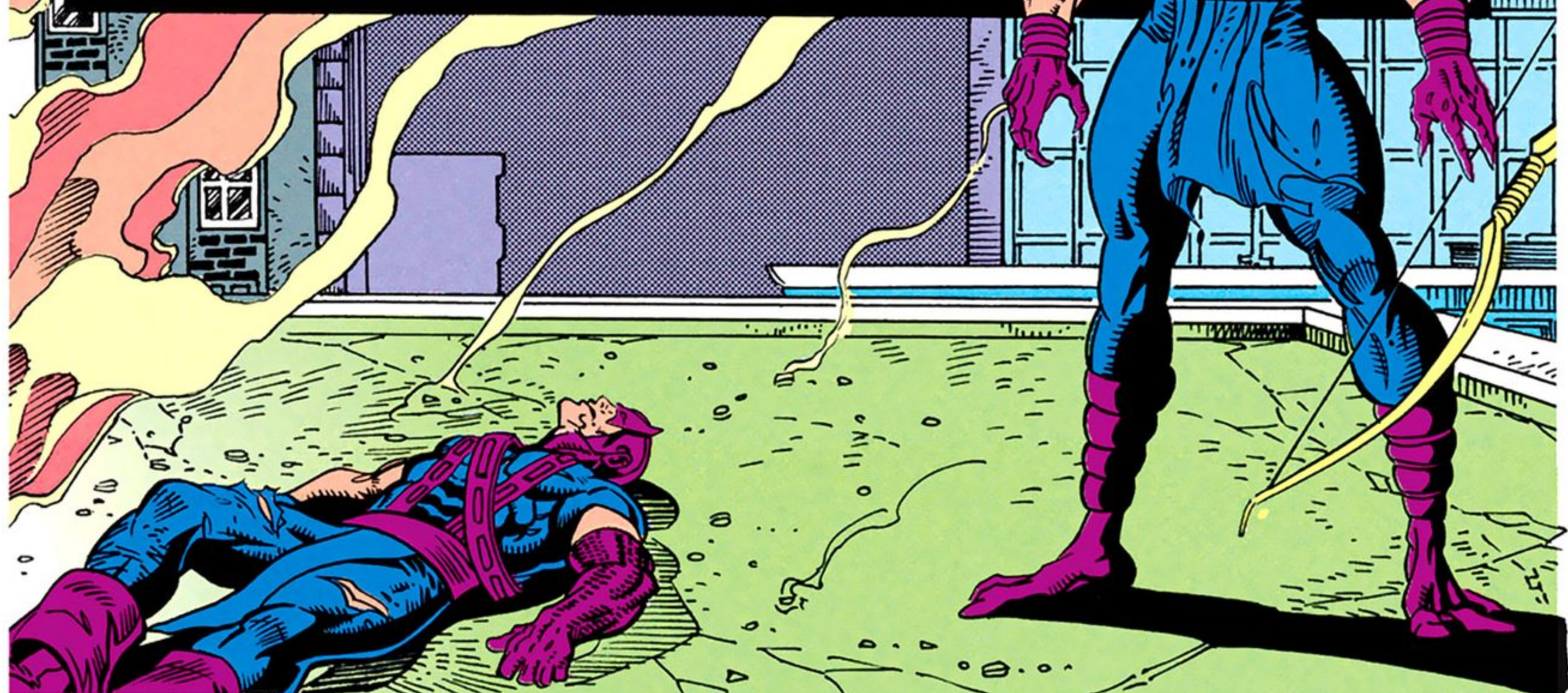
"FOR YOU, LORD THANOS, BECAME AWARE OF HIS DARK PLANS AND SOUGHT TO THWART THEM FOR REASONS OF YOUR OWN."

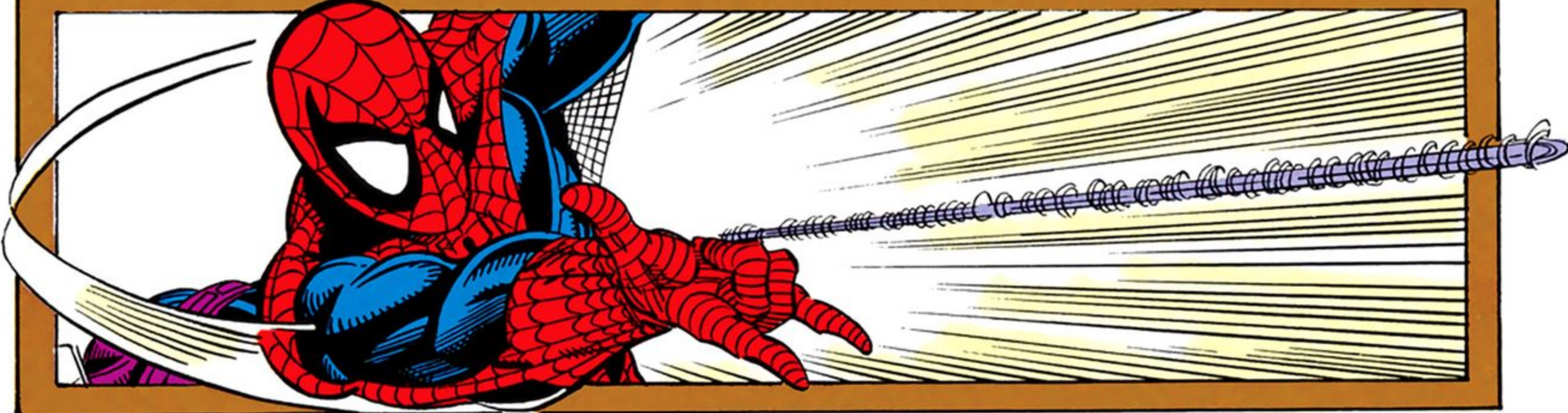
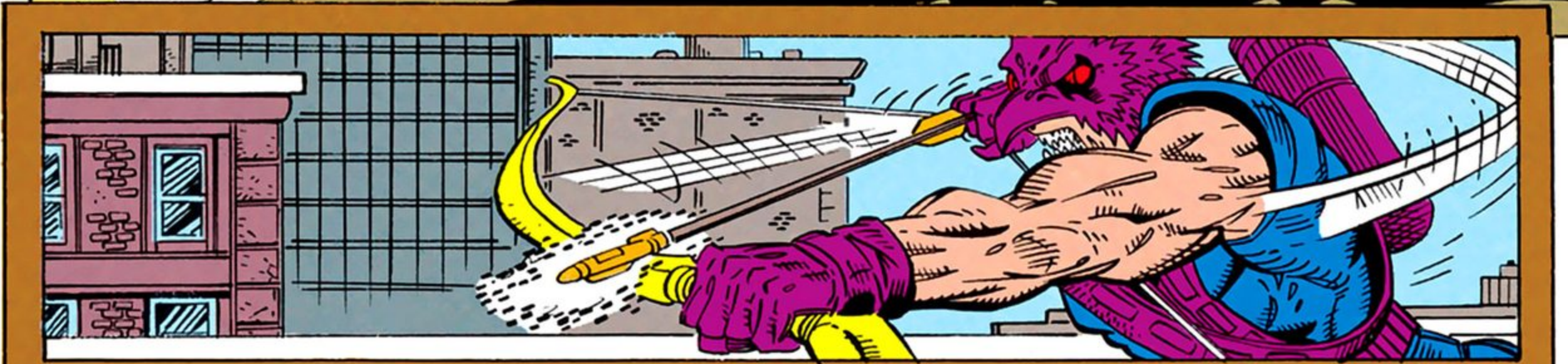
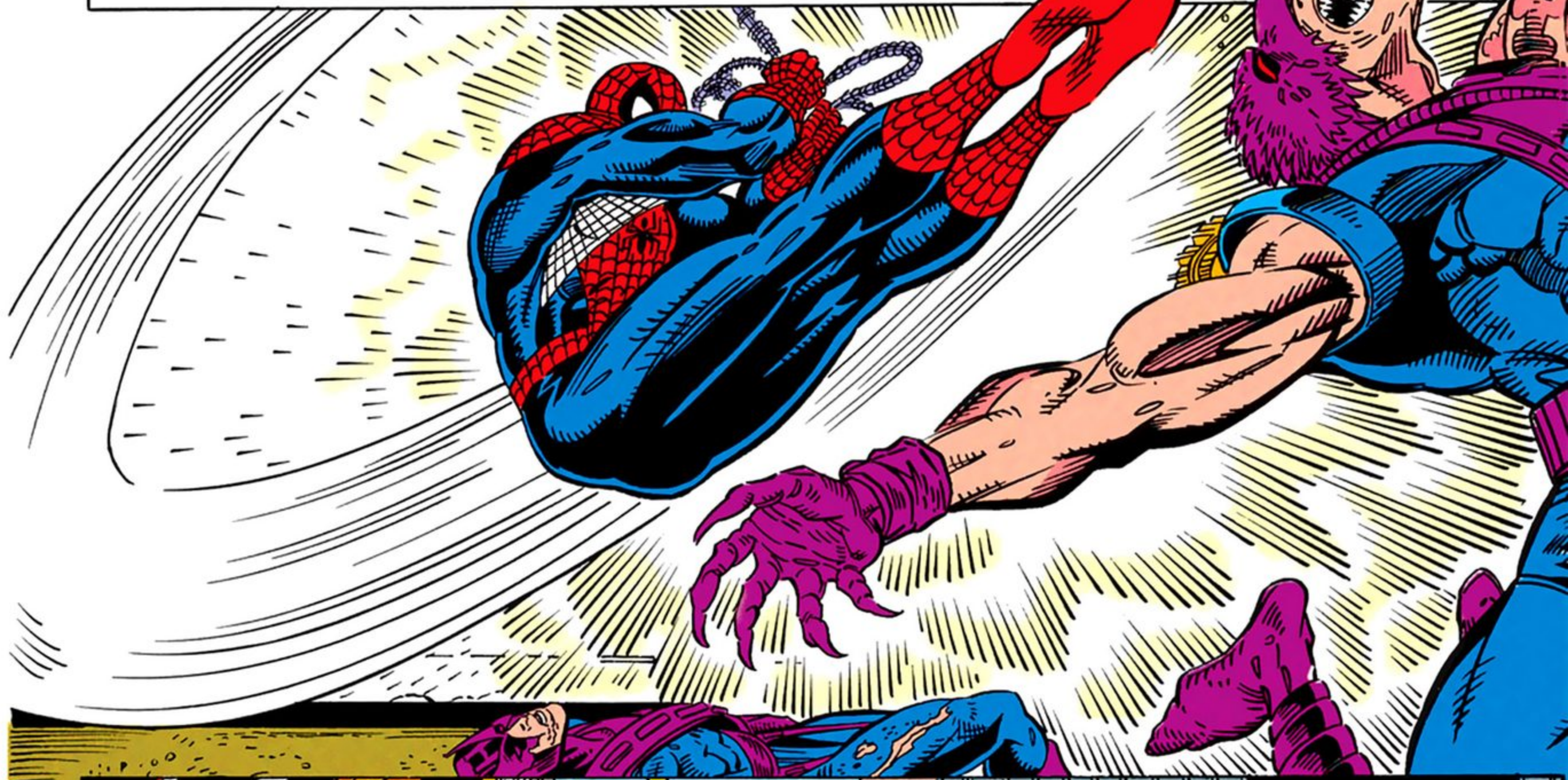
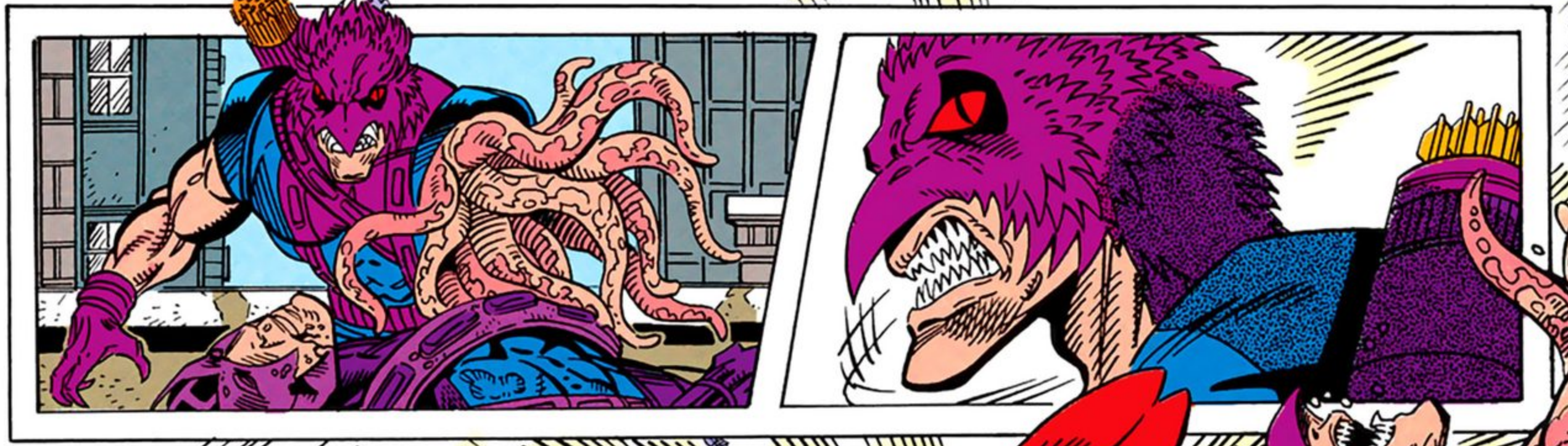


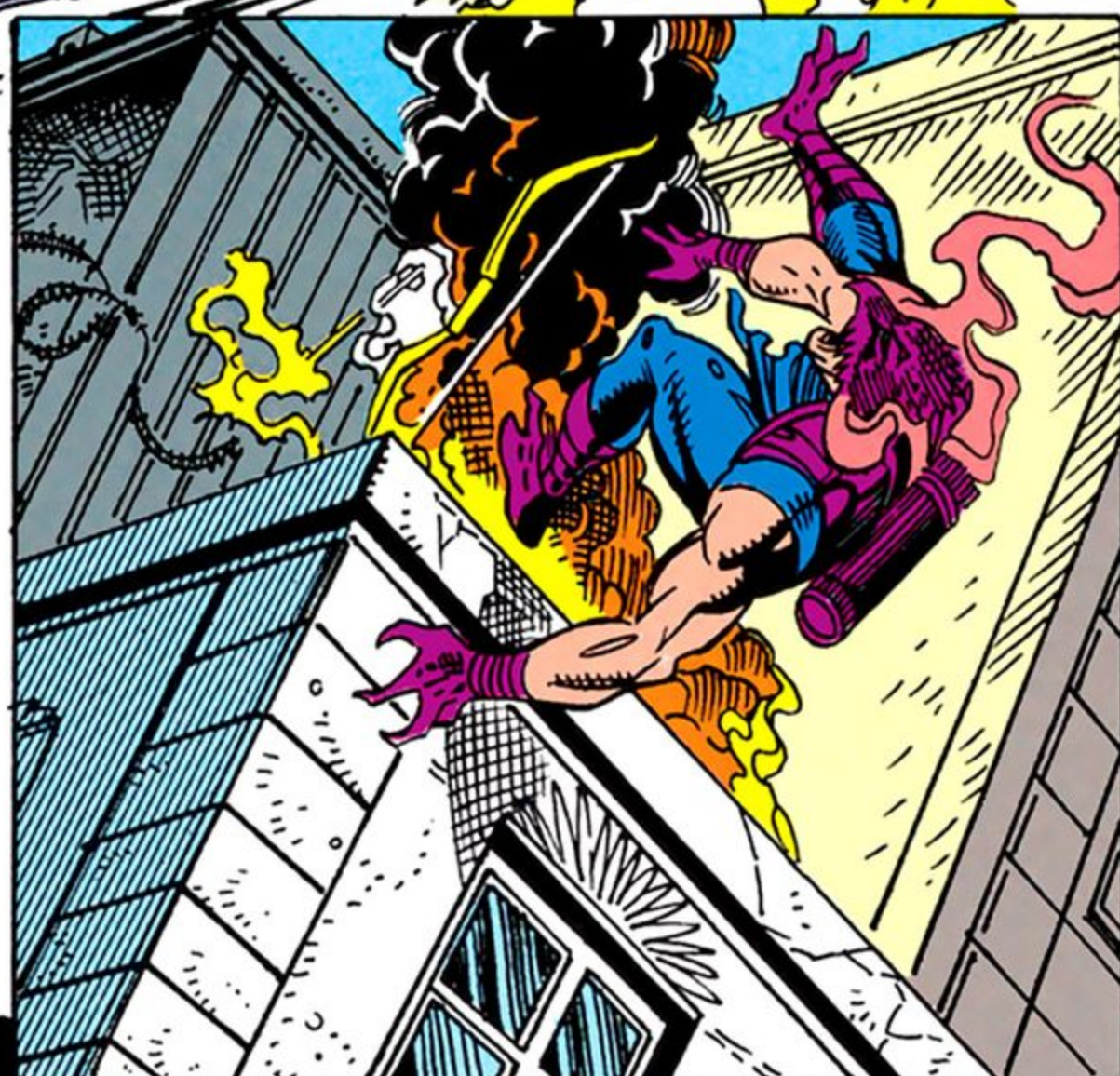
"WITH YOUR AID, WARLOCK WAS ABLE TO DESTROY THE TIME LINE FROM WHOSE LOINS THE MAGUS SPANG."

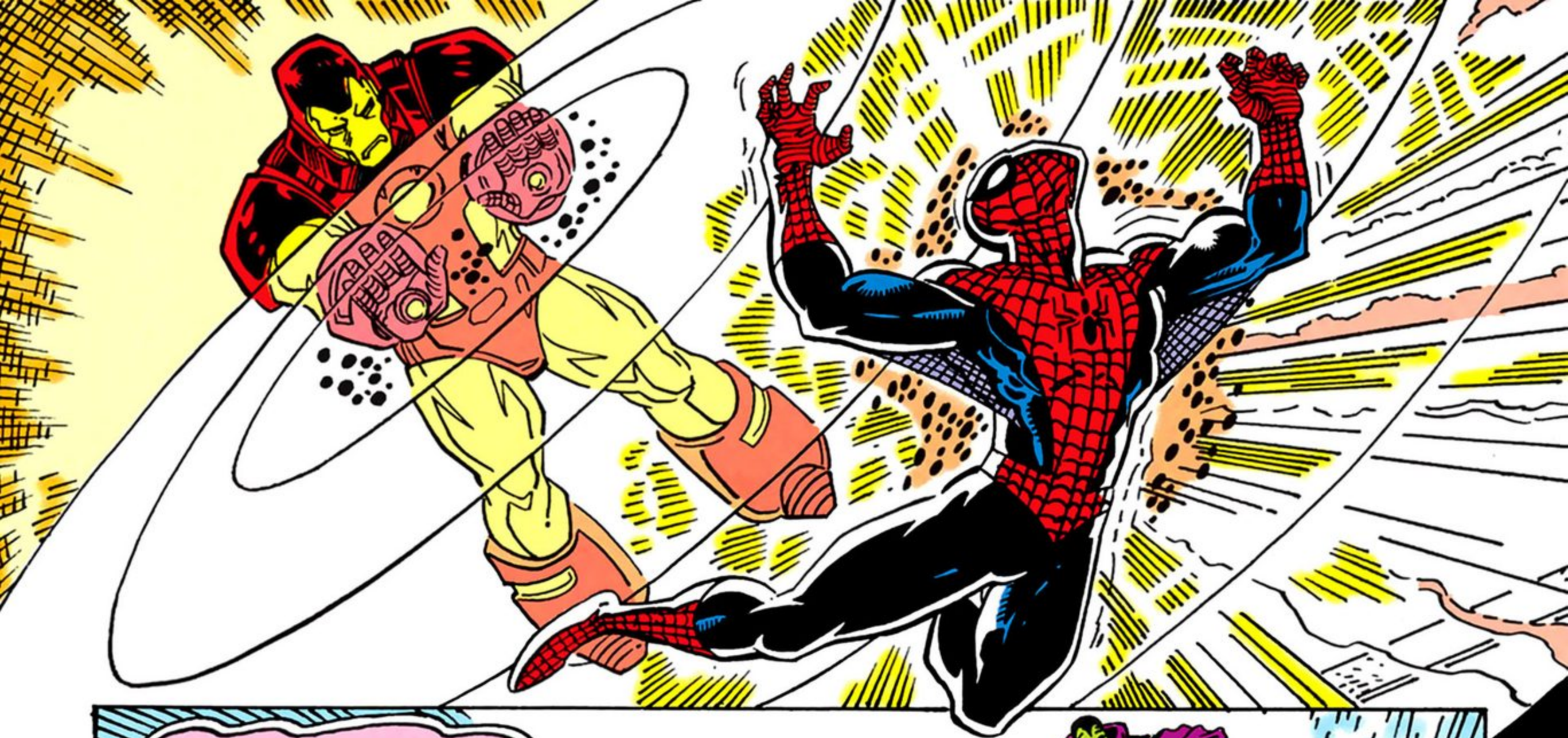


"AND THE BASE EVIL THAT HAD BEEN THE MAGUS FADED FROM EXISTENCE, ONLY TO BE REMEMBERED BY A SELECT FEW."









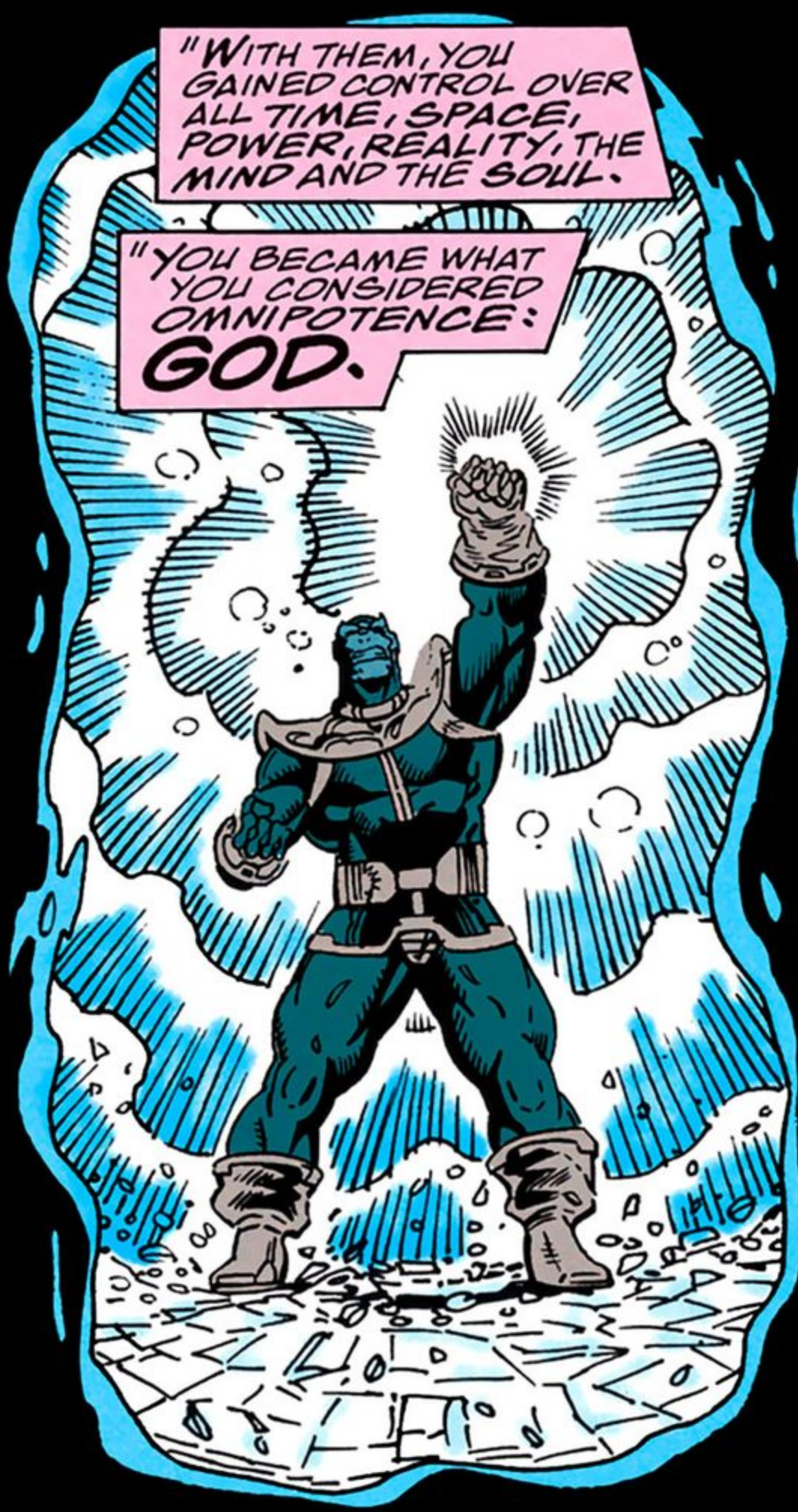
BUT THE MAGUS WAS NOT DESTINED TO REMAIN A FAINT MEMORY.

FOR YOU, LORD THANOS, DECIDED TO SEEK OUT THE INFINITY GEMS AND HARNESS THEIR AWESOME POWER.

"WITH THEM, YOU GAINED CONTROL OVER ALL TIME, SPACE, POWER, REALITY, THE MIND AND THE SOUL.

"YOU BECAME WHAT YOU CONSIDERED OMNIPOTENCE: **GOD.**"

"BUT THE UNIVERSE CONSPIRED AGAINST YOUR REIGN AND EVENTUALLY PREVAILED.

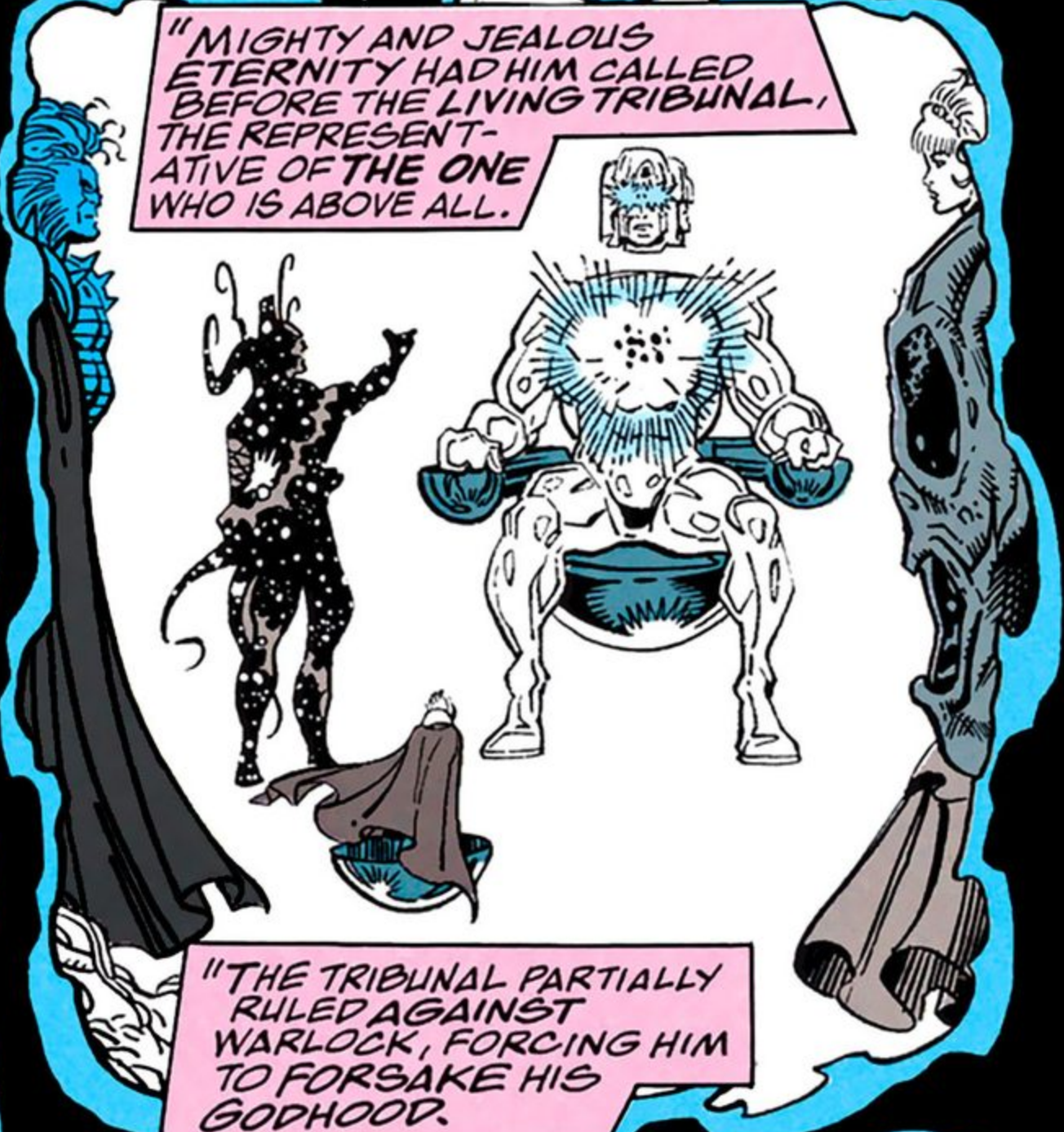




"IN THE END, IT WAS
ADAM WARLOCK
WHO CAPTURED THE
INFINITY GEMS.



"FOR A SHORT TIME,
HE WAS THE END-ALL
AND BE-ALL OF THIS
REALITY, ITS MASTER.



"MIGHTY AND JEALOUS
ETERNITY HAD HIM CALLED
BEFORE THE LIVING TRIBUNAL,
THE REPRESENT-
ATIVE OF THE ONE
WHO IS ABOVE ALL.

"THE TRIBUNAL PARTIALLY
RULED AGAINST
WARLOCK, FORCING HIM
TO FORSAKE HIS
GODHOOD.



"THIS HE DID BY
DIVIDING THE GEMS
AMONG THOSE HE NOW
CALLS THE INFINITY
WATCH, AND ONE OTHER
WHOM WARLOCK WISHES
TO REMAIN NAMELESS."

"BUT LIKE YOU, LORD
THANOS, WARLOCK WAS A
FLAWED BEING, NOT
WORTHY OF THE MANTLE
OF SUPREMACY.



STILL
OLD
NEWS.

BUT WHAT NONE OF YOU IS
AWARE OF IS THAT A DRAMATIC
CHANGE TOOK PLACE IN ADAM
WARLOCK DURING HIS TENURE AS
THE ALMIGHTY.



CHANGE?

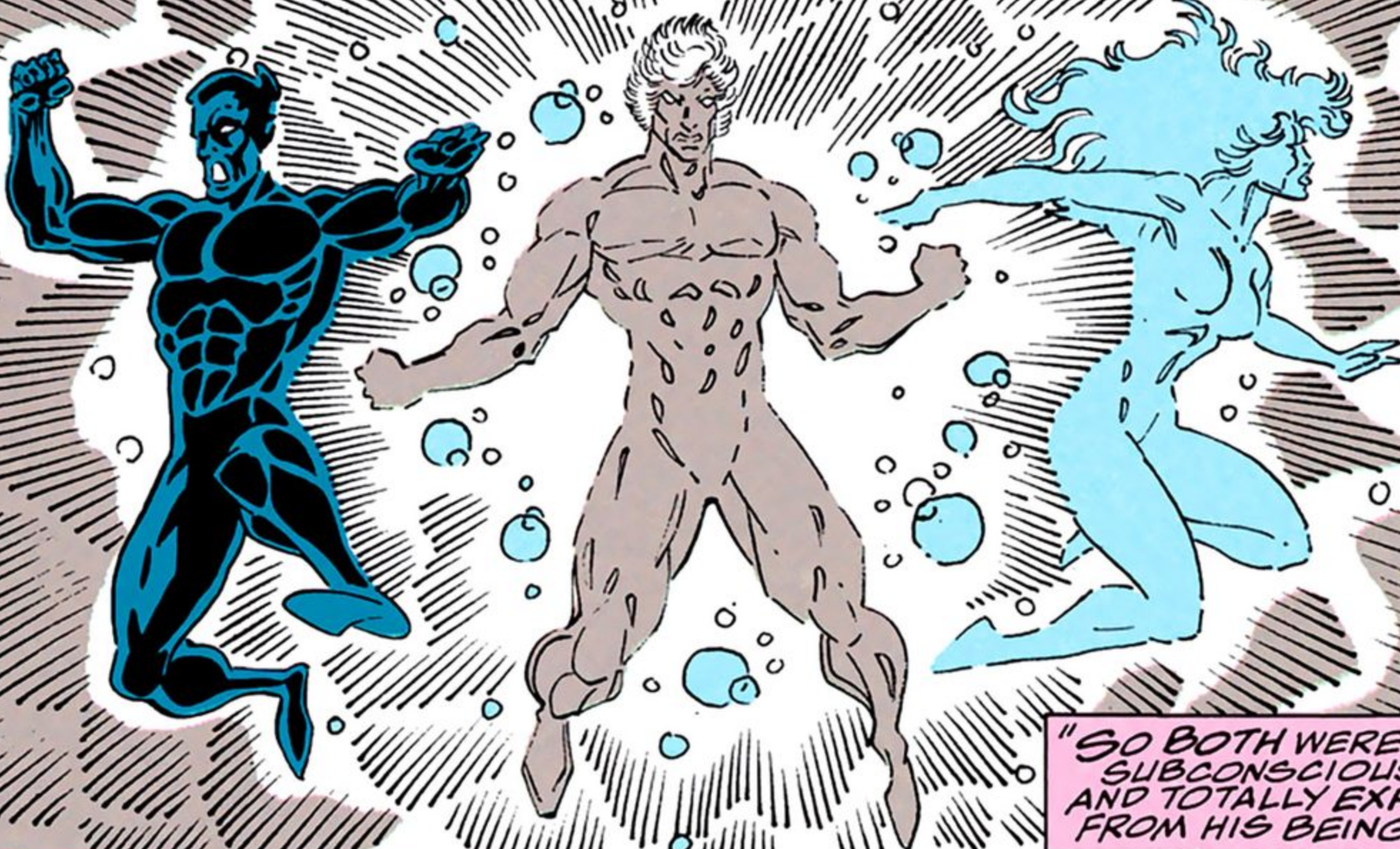
AS GOD, HE TRULY
STROVE FOR PERFEC-
TION IN ORDER TO
SUITABLY CARRY OUT
HIS DUTIES.



HE SUBCONSCIOUSLY
FELT THAT ONLY PURE
LOGIC WOULD ALLOW HIM
TO SHOULDER HIS NEW-
FOUND RESPONSIBILITIES
PROPERLY.



NEITHER GOOD NOR
EVIL WOULD BE
PERMITTED TO CLOUD
HIS JUDGMENT.



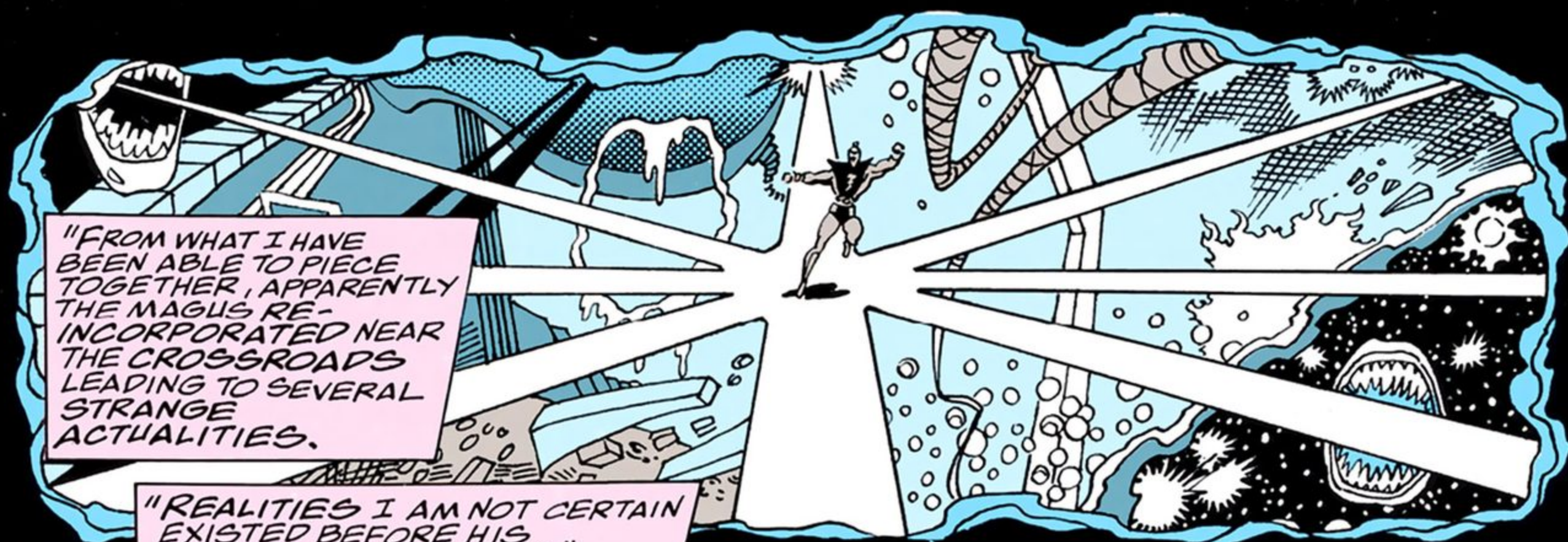
"SO BOTH WERE
SUBCONSCIOUSLY
AND TOTALLY EXPELLED
FROM HIS BEING."



BUT THE DARKNESS THAT IS
THE MAGUS WOULD NOT
EASILY DIE.

NO GOOD OR
EVIL WITHIN ME.

THAT EXPLAINS
SO MUCH OF
LATE.



"FROM WHAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PIECE TOGETHER, APPARENTLY THE MAGUS RE-INCORPORATED NEAR THE CROSSROADS LEADING TO SEVERAL STRANGE ACTUALITIES.

"REALITIES I AM NOT CERTAIN EXISTED BEFORE HIS RESURRECTION."

WHAT OCCURRED DURING HIS EXPLORATION OF THESE REALITIES I CAN ONLY SPECULATE ON.

FOR UNFATHOMABLE REASONS, I CAN ONLY OCCASIONALLY GAIN GLIMPSES INTO THESE REALMS



SOME ALL-SEEING ENTITY YOU GOT HERE, THANOS.

WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE MAGUS'S TIME ON THOSE PLANES?

ONLY WHAT HE WISHED ME TO SEE.



"SUCH AS THE FACT THAT HE ACQUIRED A MYSTERIOUS AND NEAR-INFINITE SOURCE OF POWER."

HE WRESTED THIS MIGHT FROM FIVE SEPARATE REALITIES.

FIVE?

ARE WE TALKING ABOUT OTHER-DIMENSIONAL INFINITY GEMS, PERHAPS?

NO, THE WAVE FREQUENCIES DIFFER.

THEN WHAT?

I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUERY.





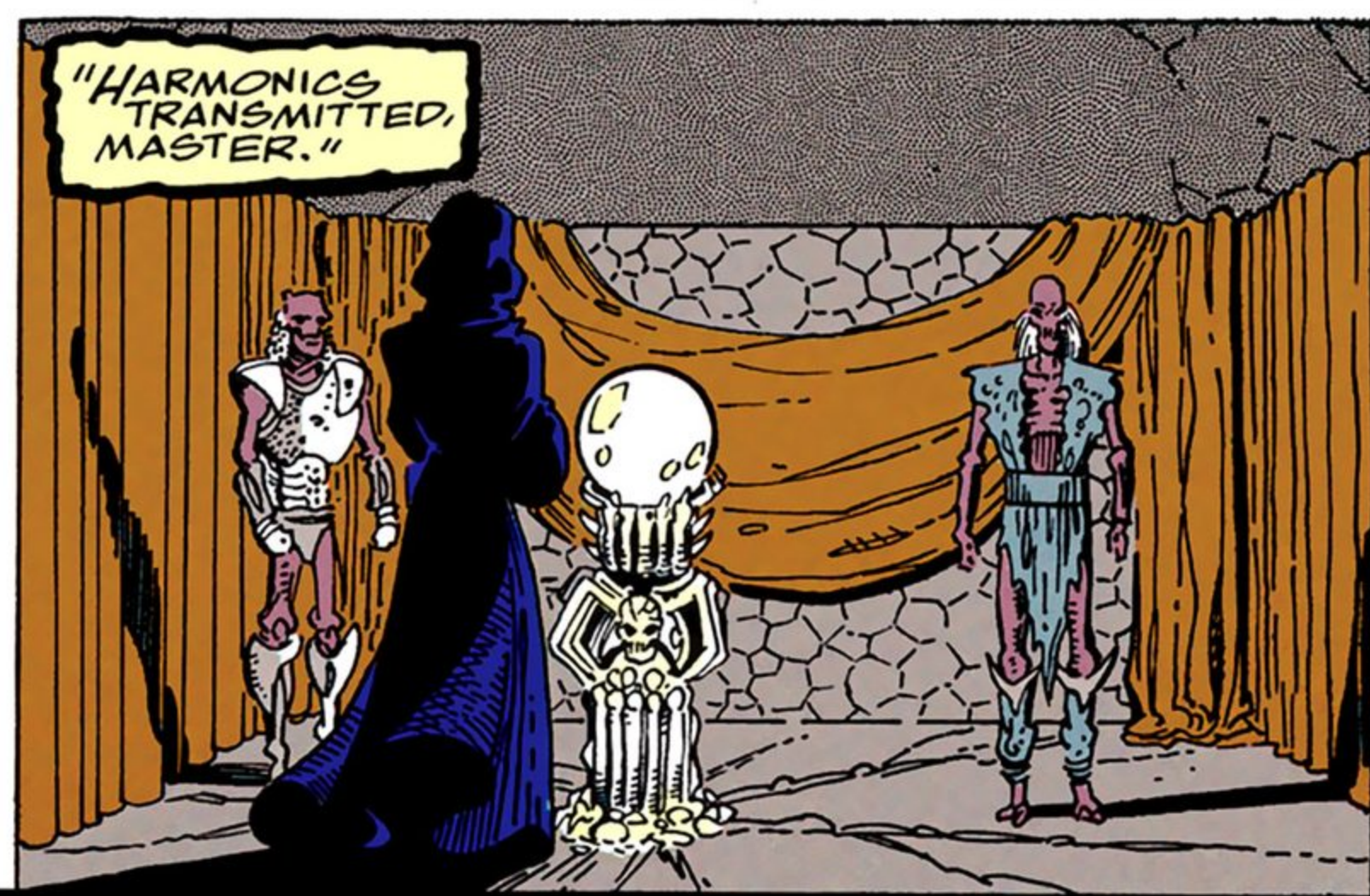
I BELIEVE THANOS'S CONTINGENT HAS GAINED ENOUGH INFORMATION FOR THE MOMENT, DON'T YOU?

MORE THAN ENOUGH.

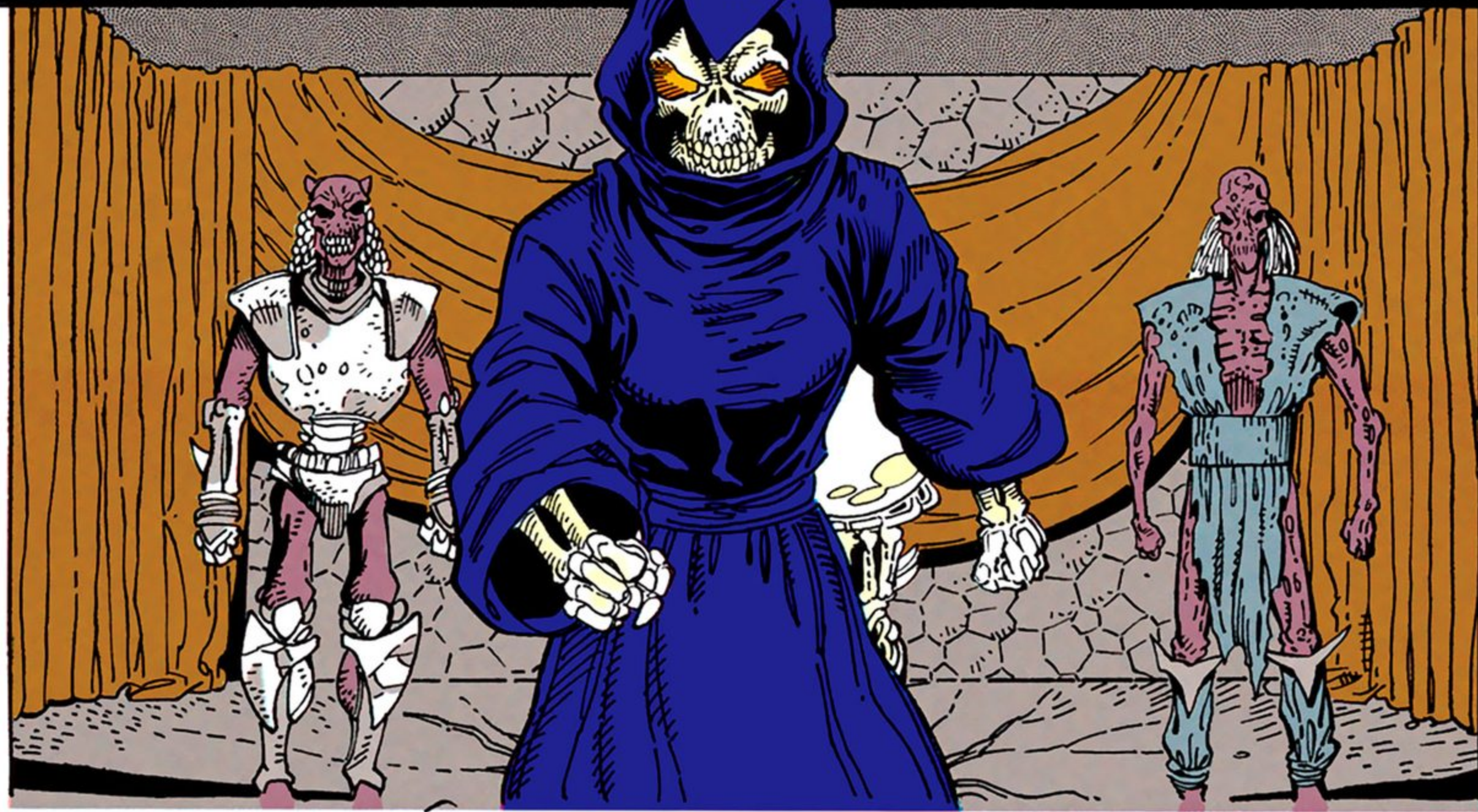
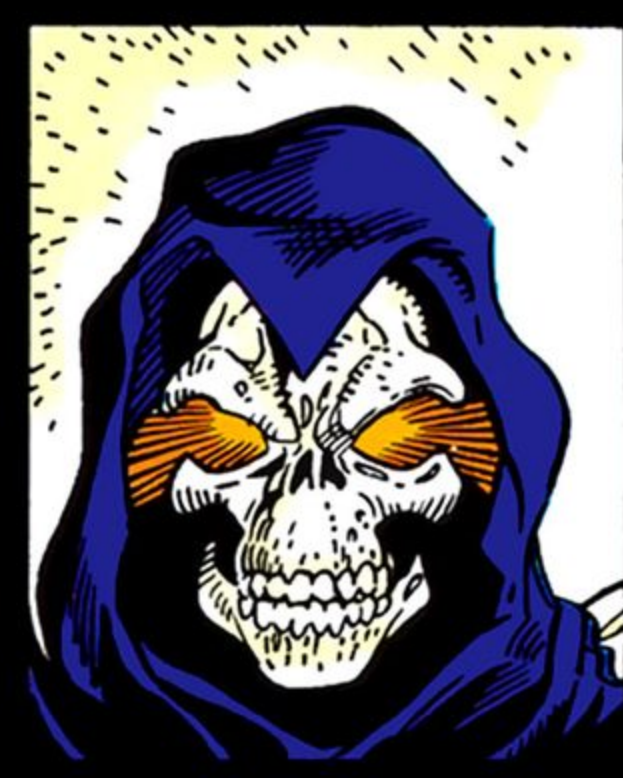
THEN TRANSMIT A DISRUPTIVE HARMONIC INTO THANOS'S CLOAKING FREQUENCY.



THE TIME HAS COME FOR MISTRESS DEATH TO LEARN SHE HAS TRESPASSERS ON THE PREMISES.



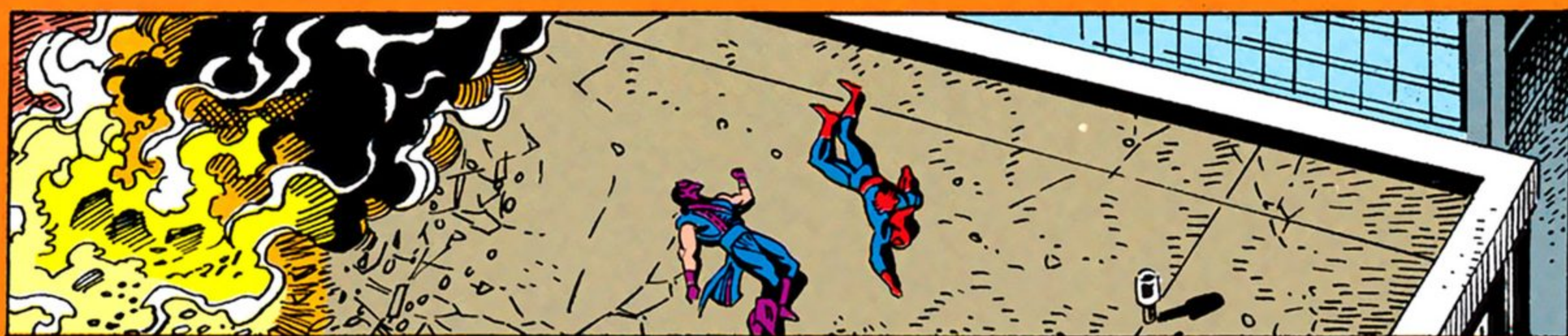
"HARMONICS TRANSMITTED, MASTER."





SPIDER-MAN
AND HAWKEYE
WON'T BE JOINING US.

THEY HAVE BEEN
UNAVOIDABLY
DETAINED



WE CAN BRIEF
WOLVERINE
LATER, OUR-
SELVES.

EVERYONE'S GETTING
RESTLESS--WE'D BEST
GET STARTED.

VERY WELL. IF
YOU'D ALL HAVE
A SEAT,
PLEASE.

'BOUT
BLOODY
TIME...



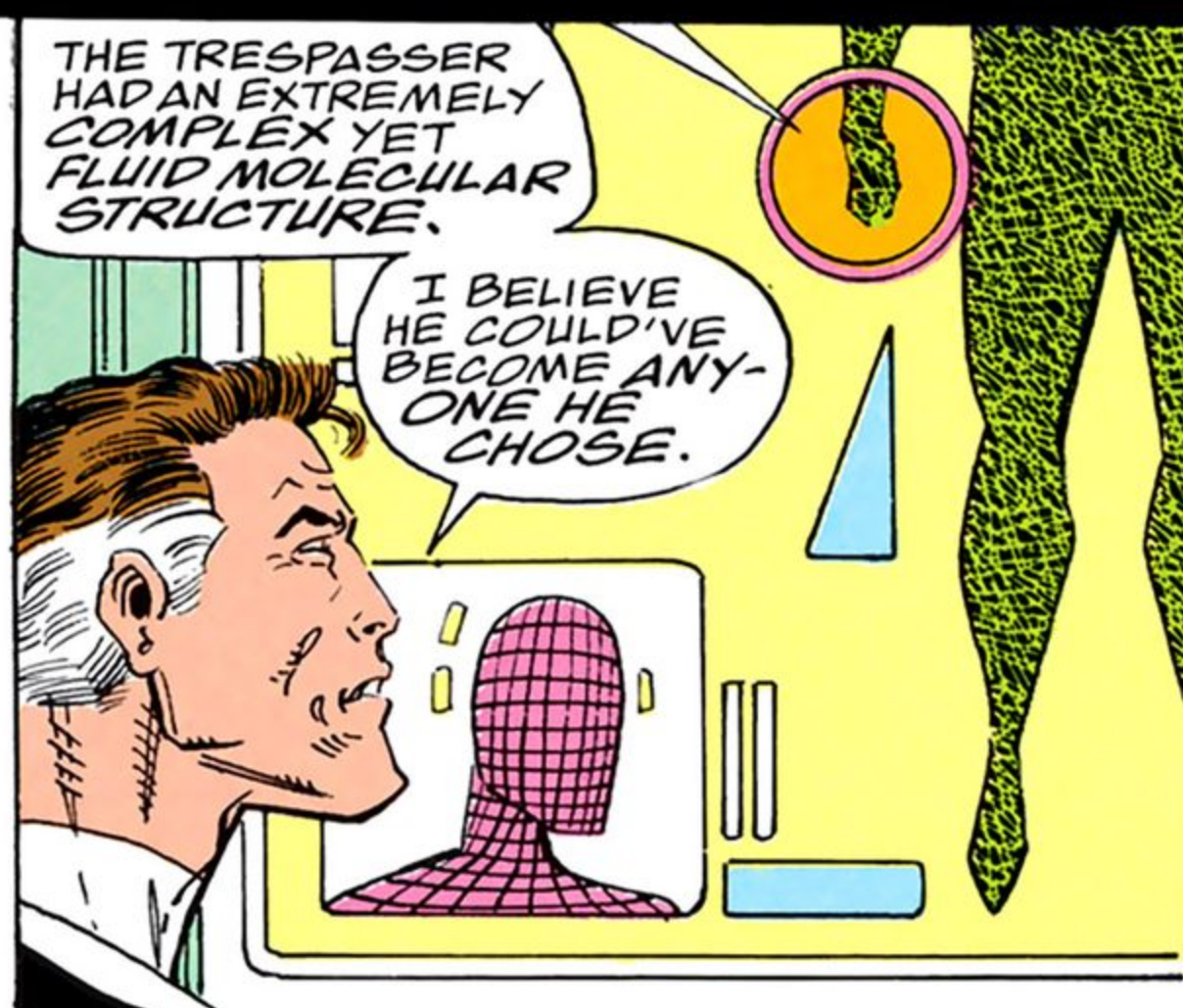
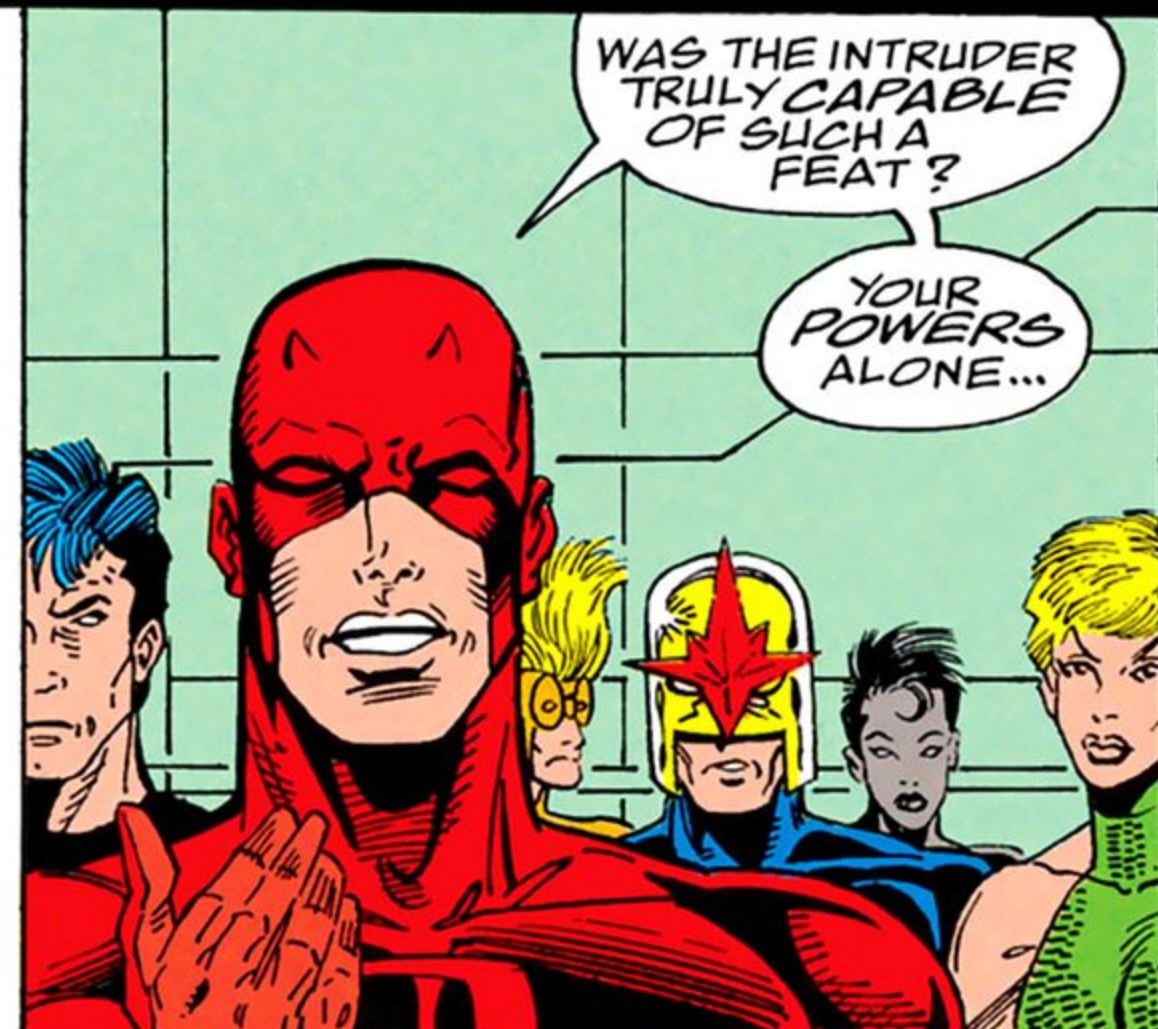
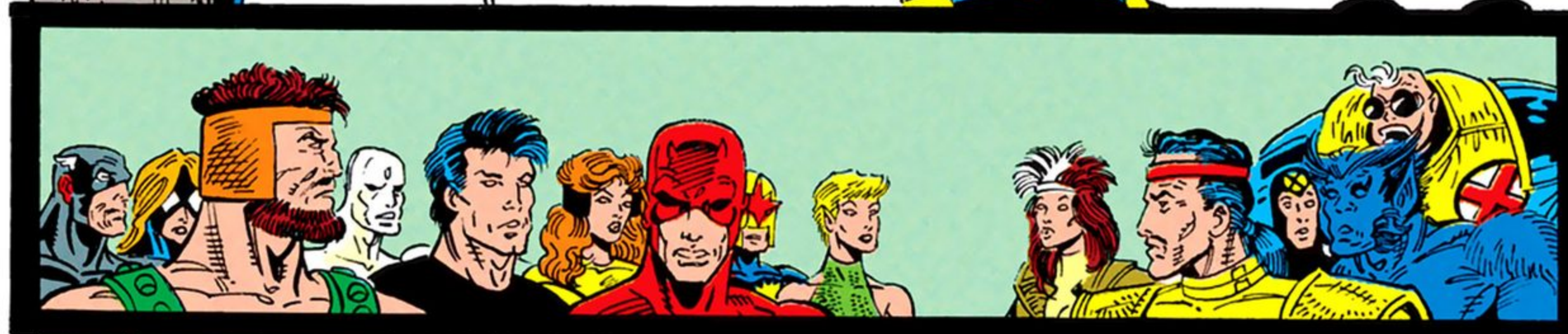
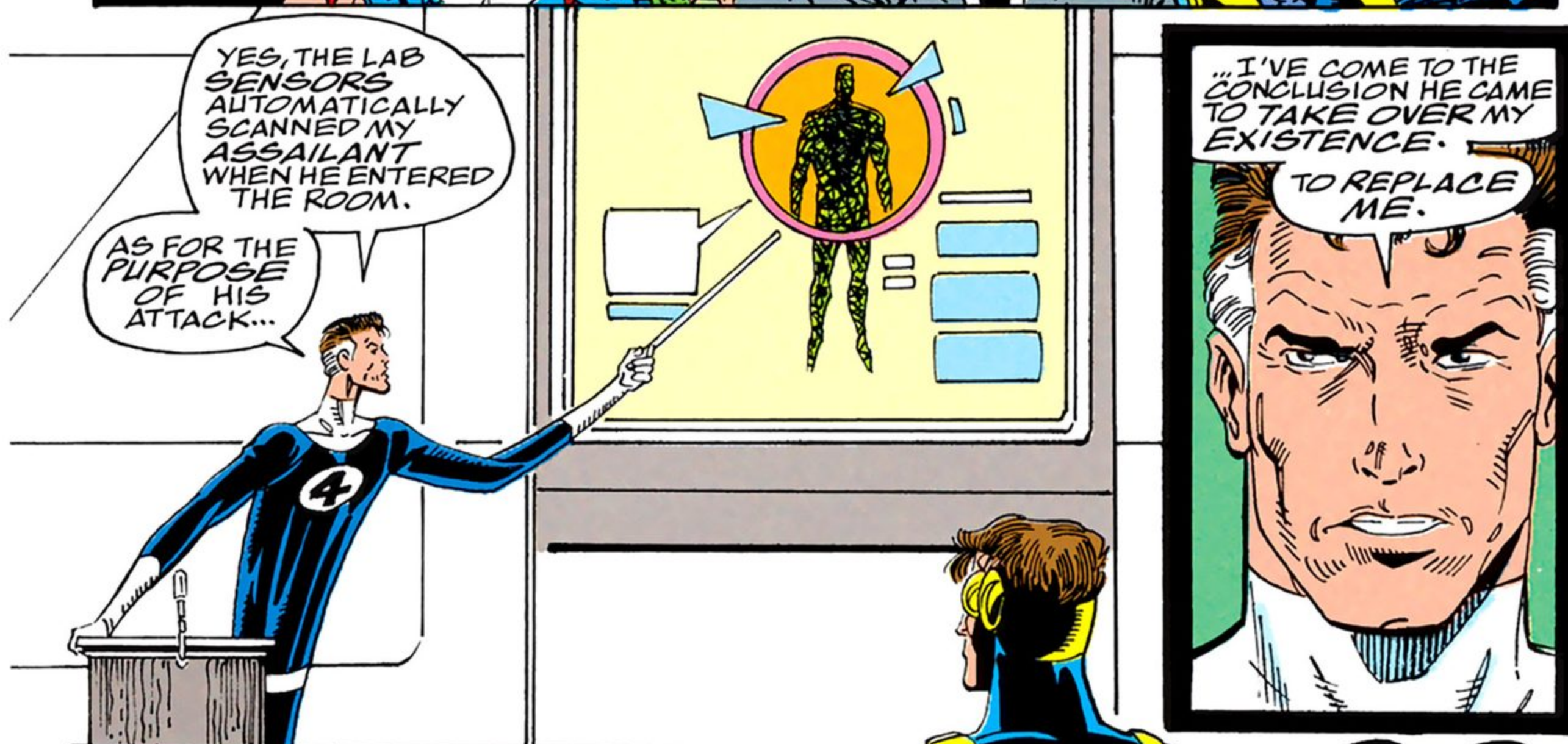
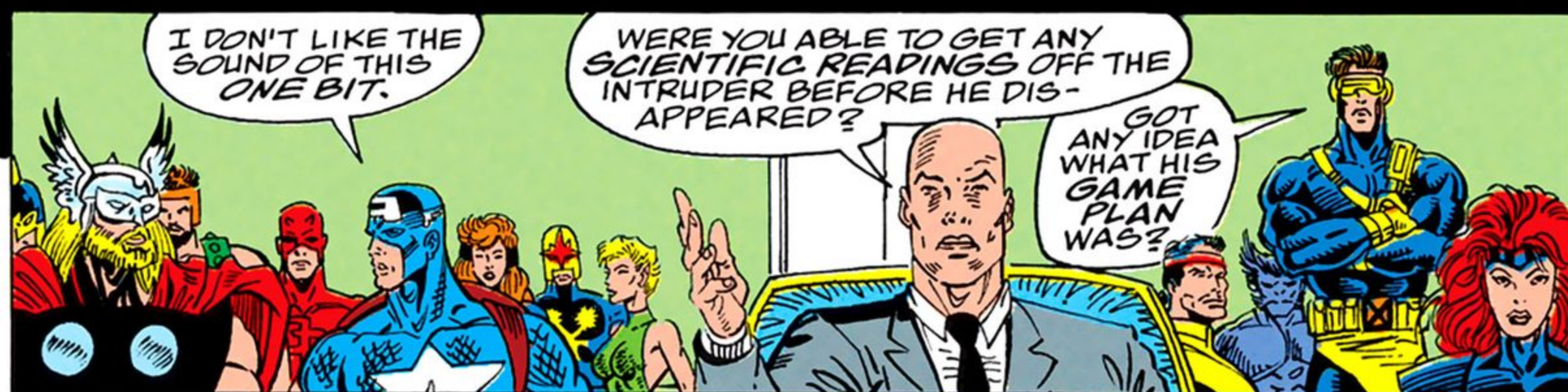
I SUMMONED
YOU ALL HERE
TO ALERT YOU
TO AN
INCIDENT
THAT
OCCURRED
LAST NIGHT.

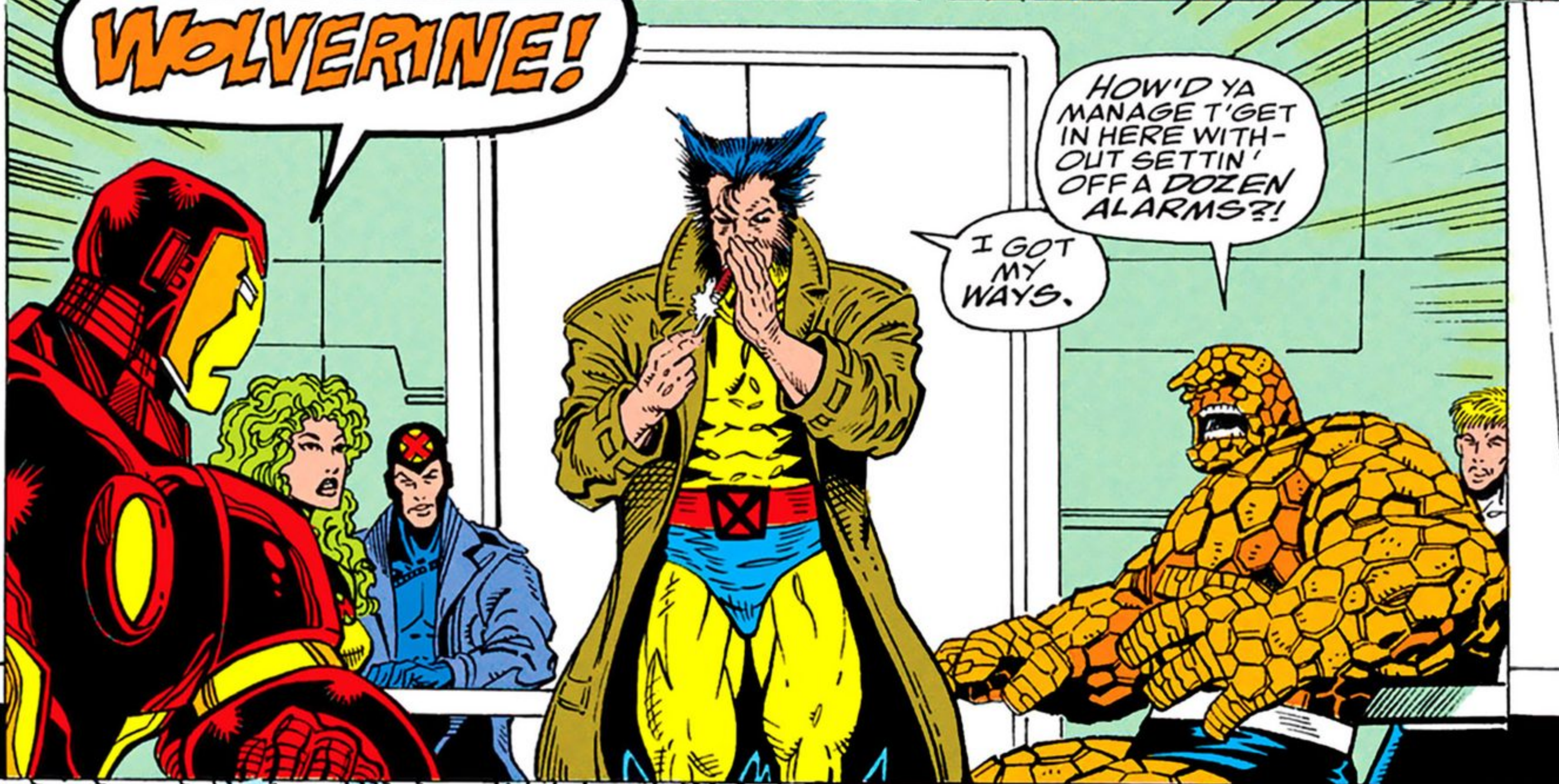
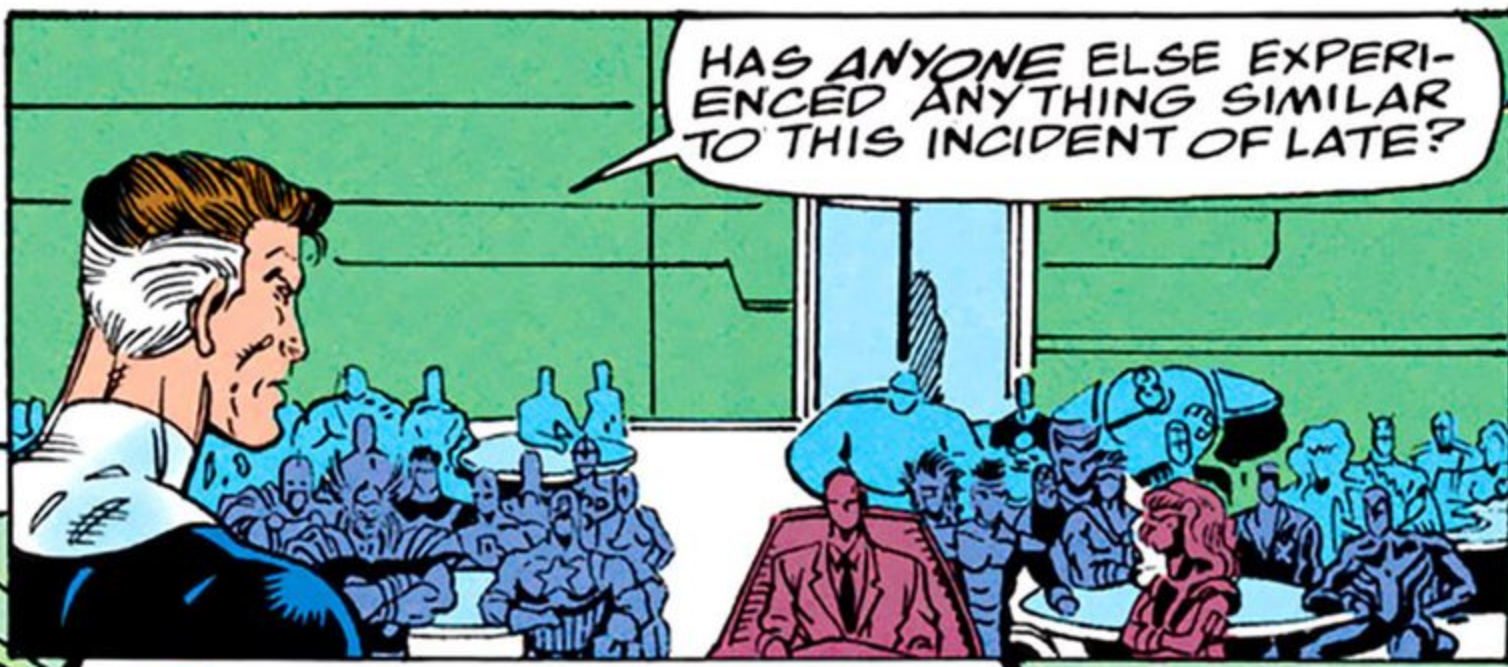
I WAS IN THE
MIDST OF SOME
RATHER INTEREST-
ING BUT DISTURBING
RESEARCH WHEN
THE INTRUDER
ENTERED.

IN FACT, I NOW
BELIEVE THAT IT
WAS THIS RESEARCH
THAT PROMPTED
THE ATTACK.

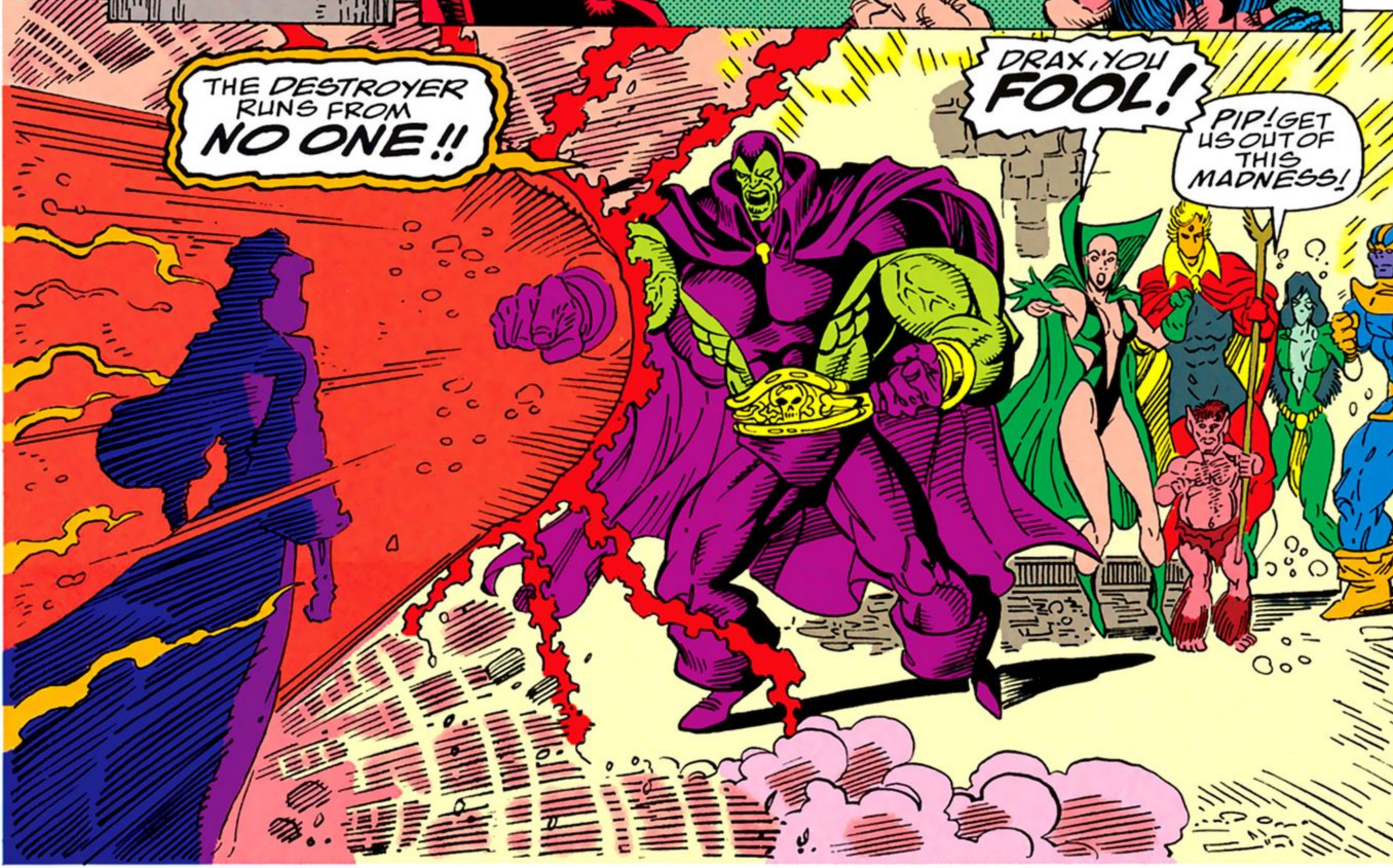
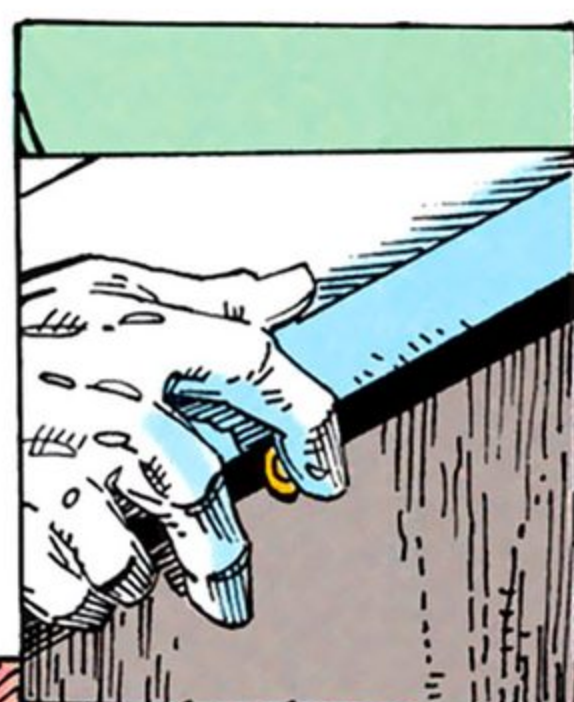
MY ASSAILANT
WAS ALSO NEARLY
MY EXACT
DOUBLE.

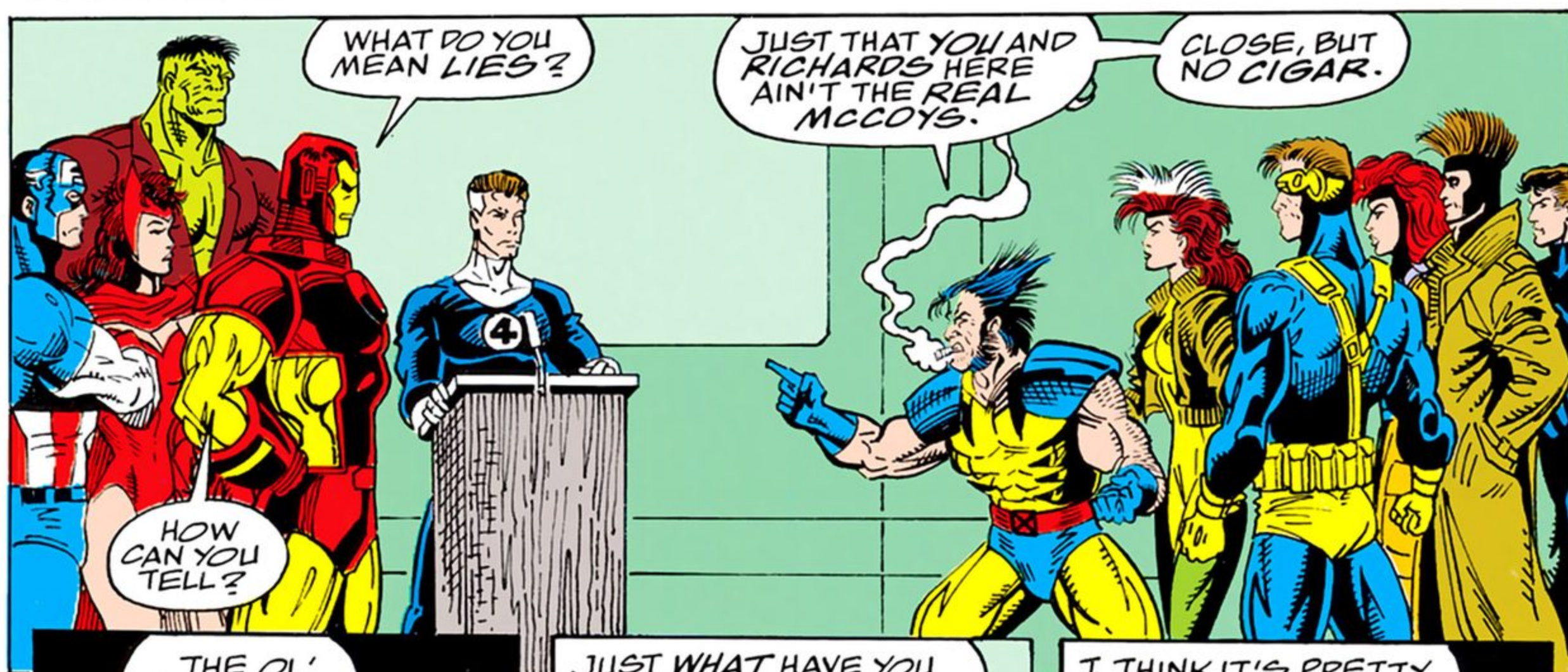
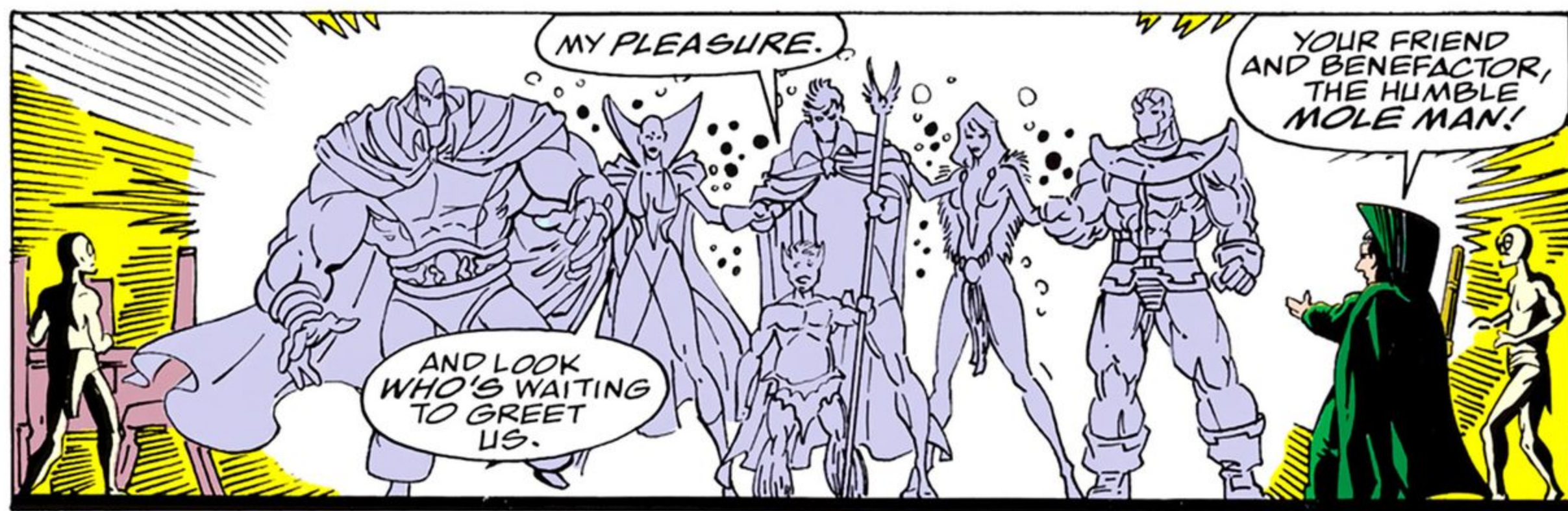












HOW CAN WE TELL?
ALL THREE OF THEM
LOOK AND SOUND
THE SAME TO ME.

AND SMELL
THE SAME, CAP.

CAN WOLVERINE'S
OLFACTORY SENSE
REALLY BE MORE
SENSITIVE THAN
MINE?

IF I'M AN IMPOSTOR, WHY
WOULD I CALL THIS
MEETING AND ALERT
EVERYONE TO THE
DANGER...?

GOOD
POINT.

OR A
VERY
CLEVER
MOVE.

I'M TELLING YOU
FOLKS, THESE TWO
BOZOS ARE
FAKES.

THE NOSE
KNOWS,
HUH?

SURELY THERE
MUST BE SOME
KIND OF TEST
WE COULD RUN?

WHERE'S DR.
STRANGE?

HE'S BIG IN
THE SIXTH
SENSE
DEPARTMENT.

THAT'S RIGHT!

HE'S GOT THAT
EYE OF
AGAMOTTO.
BET IT WOULD
FERRET OUT A
PHONY.

EYE OF
WHAT?

DIDN'T IRON MAN TELL
YA EARLIER THAT HE
COULDN'T LOCATE DR.
STRANGE TO INVITE HIM
TO THIS MEETING?

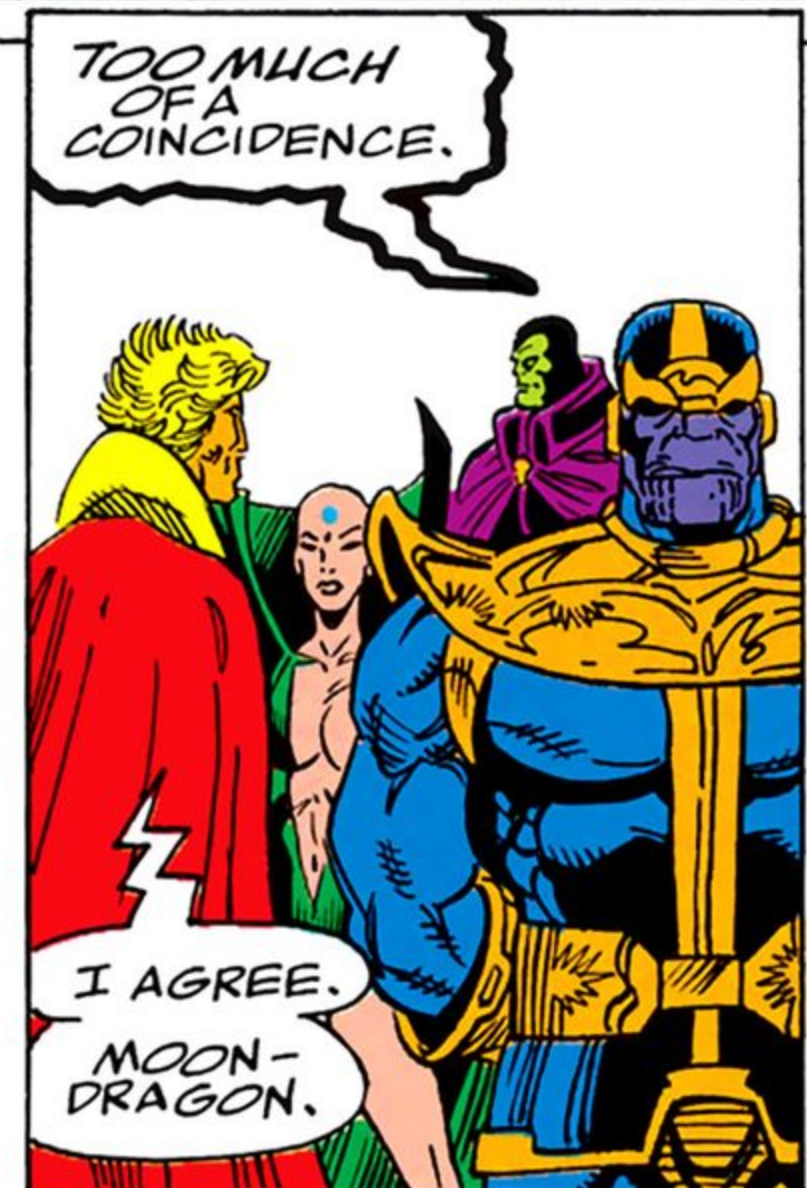
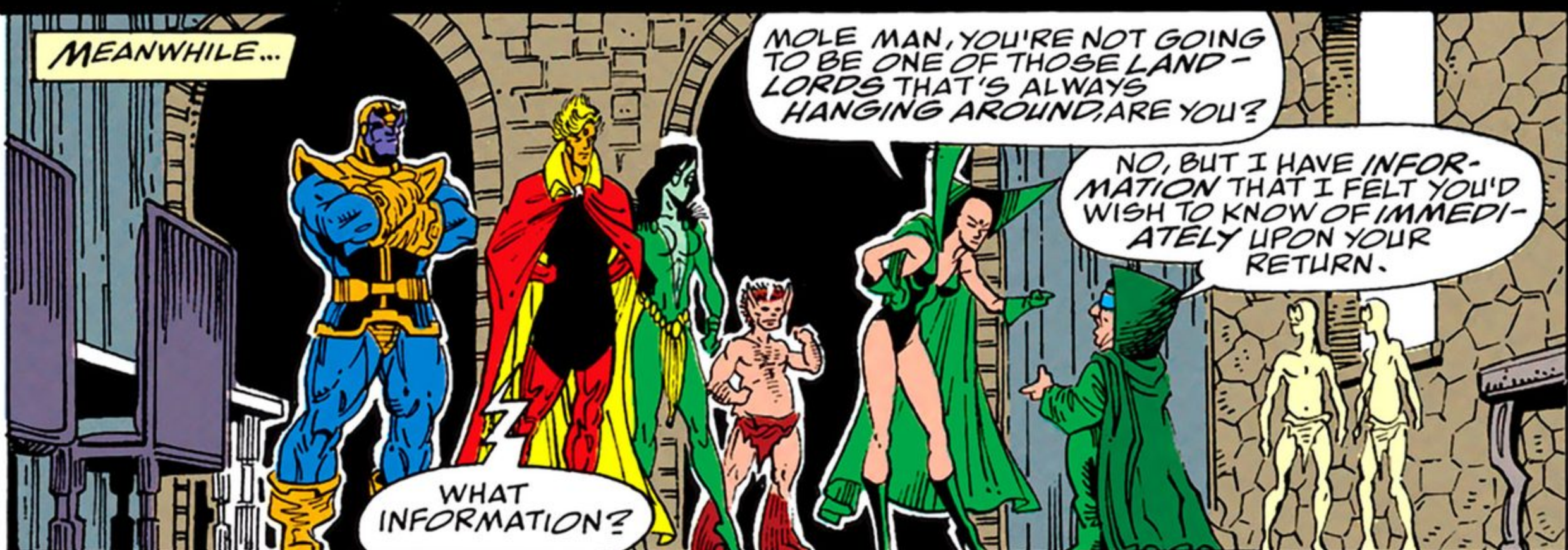
HE SURE
DID. VERY
CONVEN-
IENT.

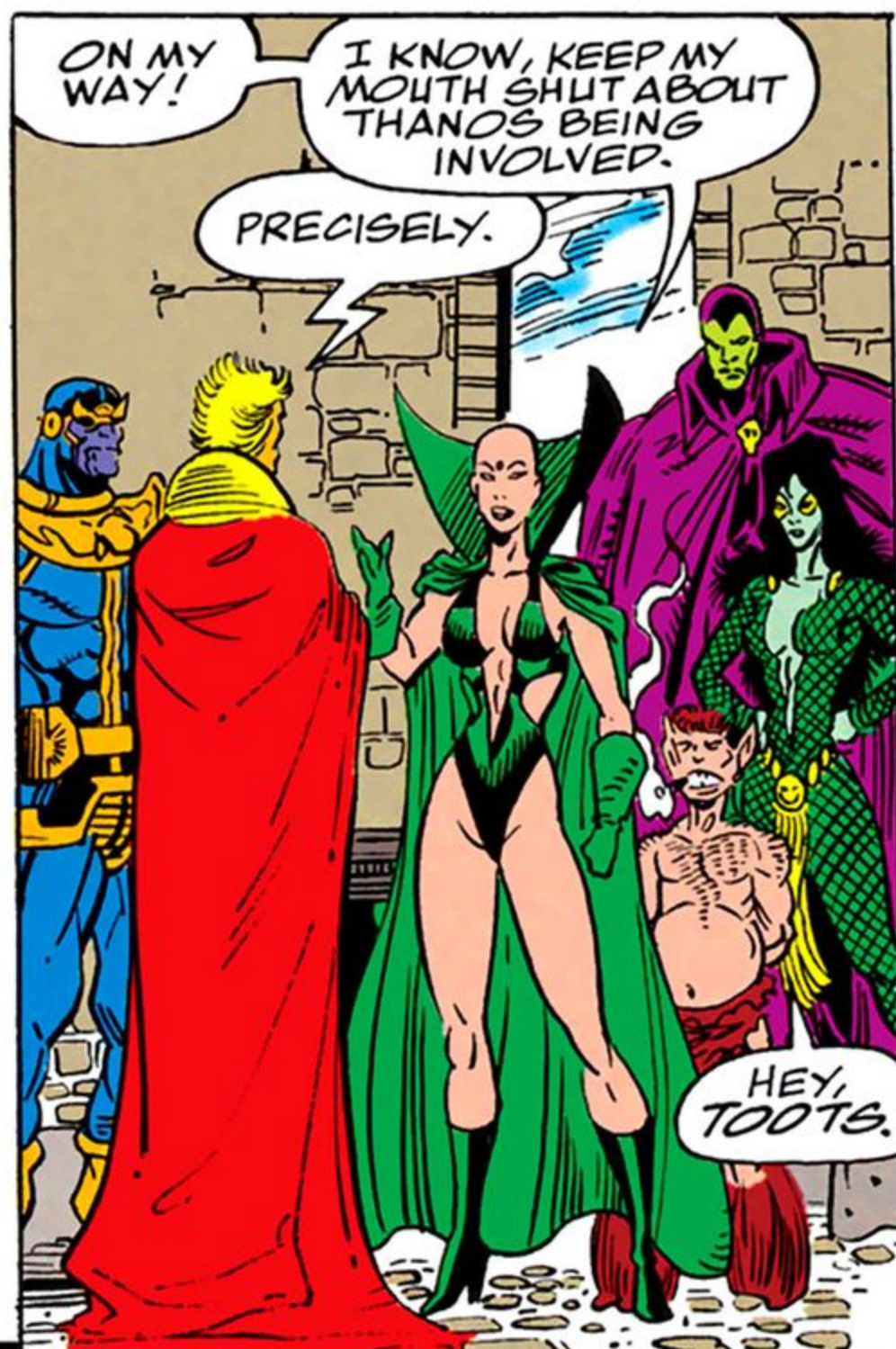
YOUR MENTAL POWERS
GETTING ANYTHING,
PROFESSOR?

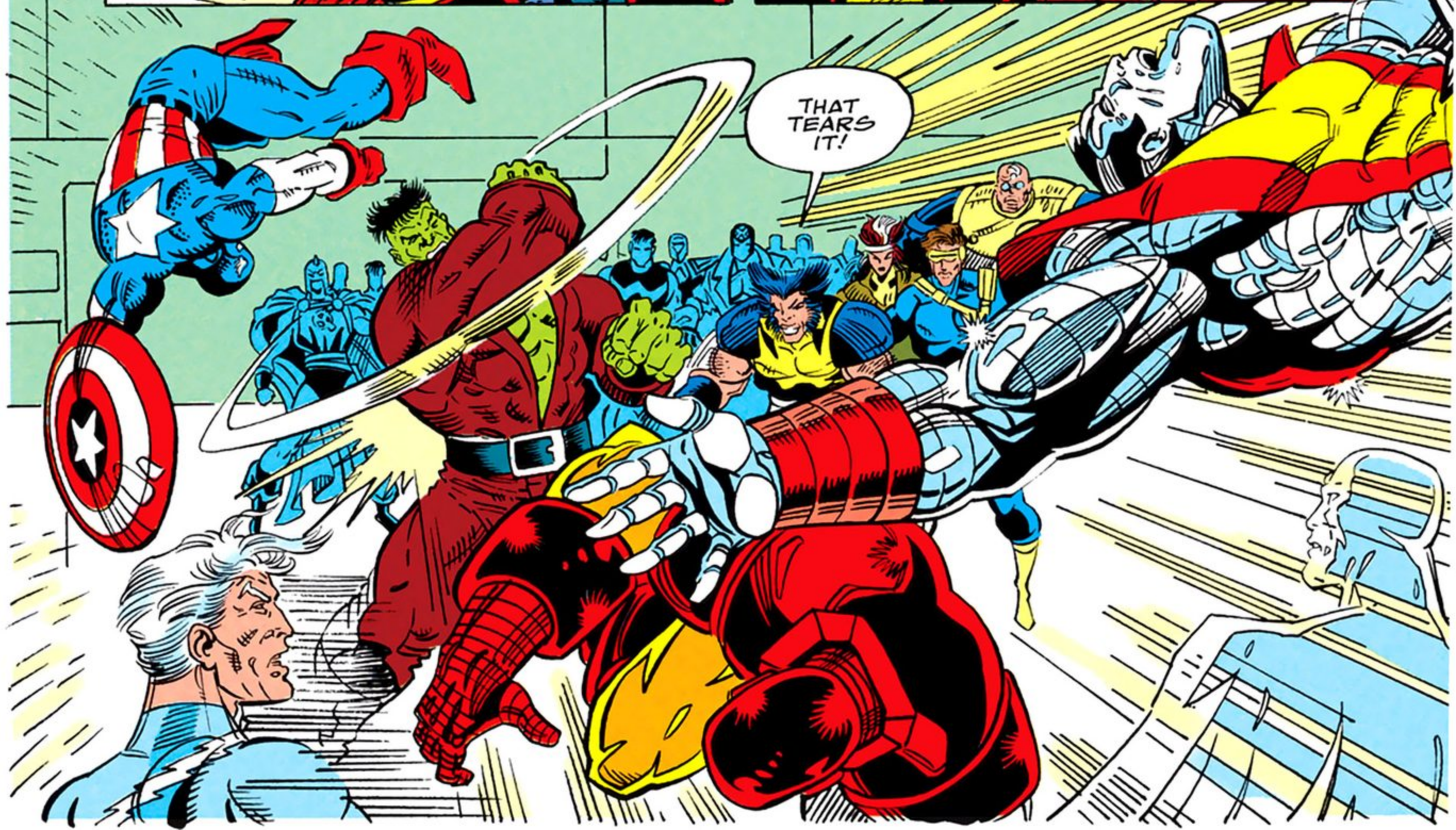
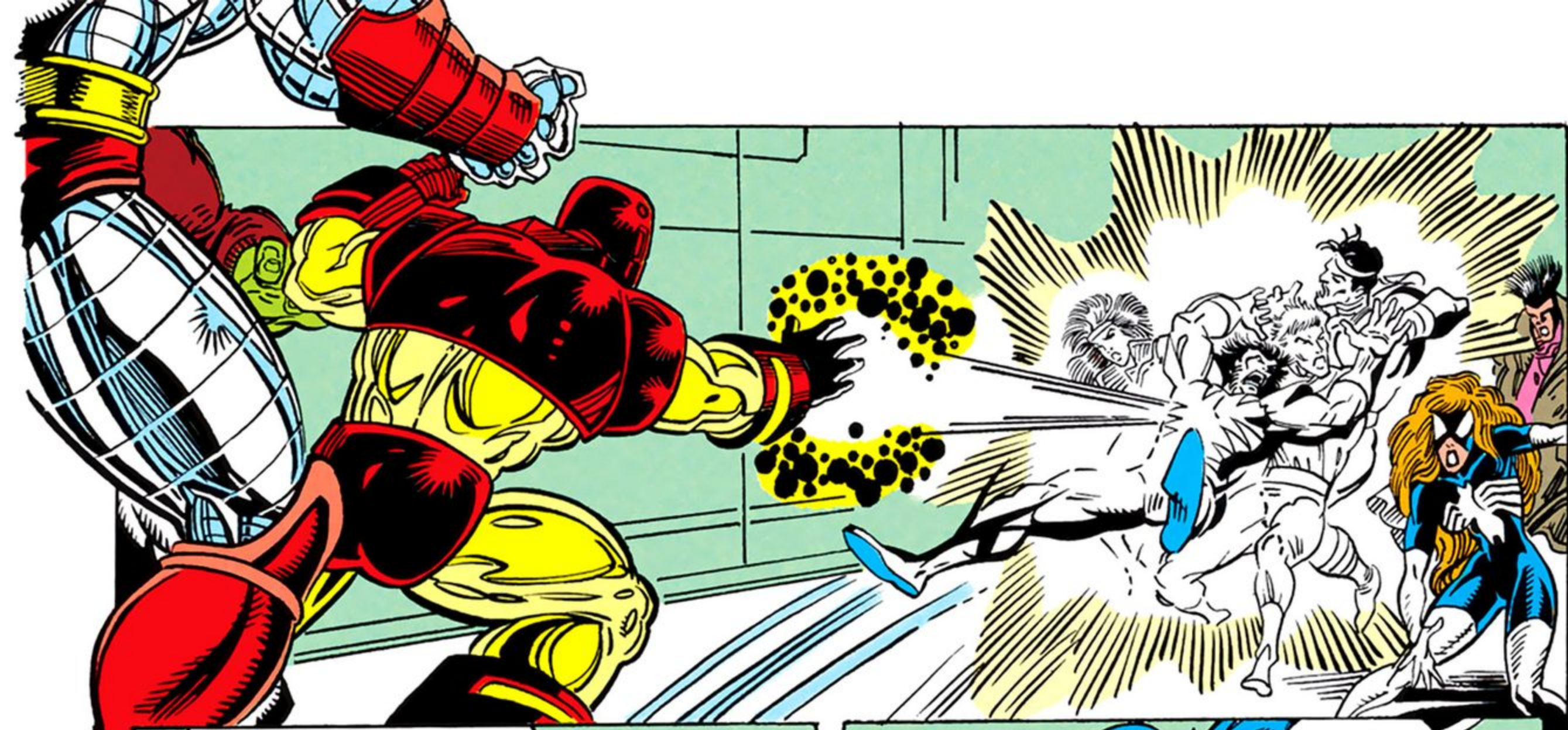
ONLY THE APPROPRIATE
THOUGHT AND BRAIN-
WAVE PATTERNS,
JEAN.

IF ONE OR MORE OF
THESE MEN ARE
IMPOSTORS, I
CANNOT DETECT
IT.

PERHAPS
NONE OF
THEM IS.







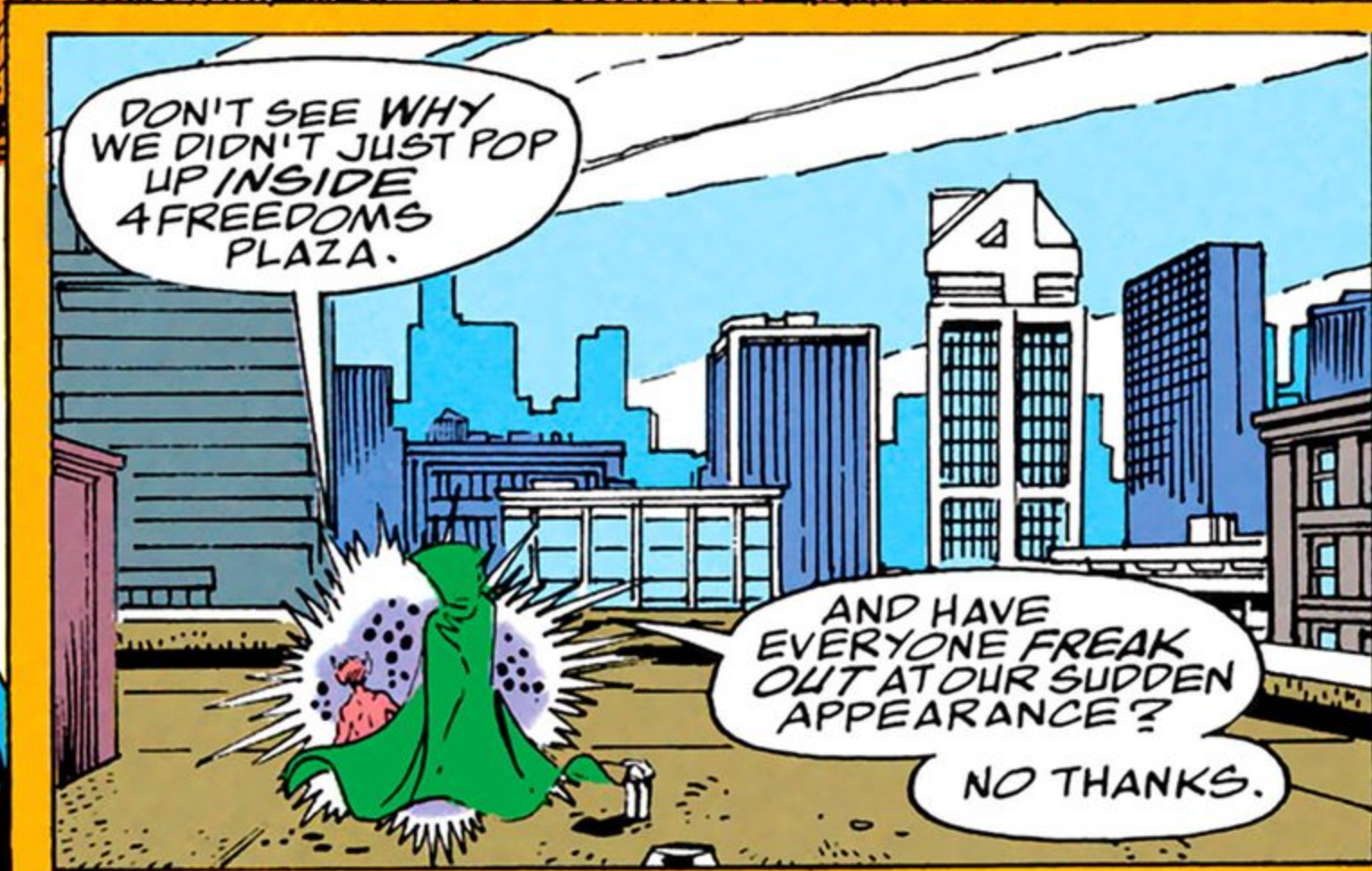




SOMEBODY
GIVE ME A
HAND BACK
HERE!!



IT'S A
**GAMMA
BOMB!**



DON'T SEE WHY
WE DIDN'T JUST POP
UP INSIDE
4 FREEDOMS
PLAZA.

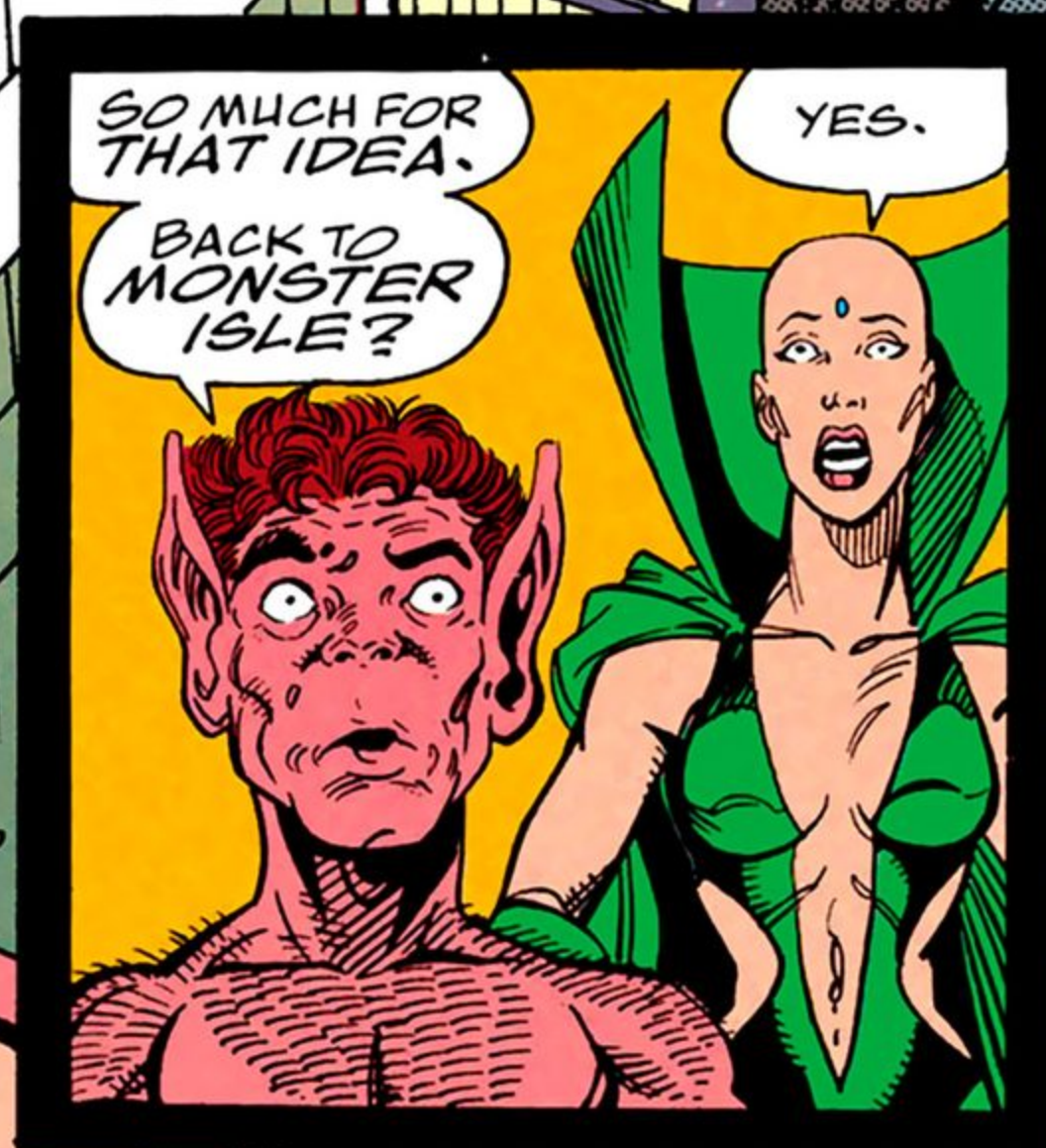
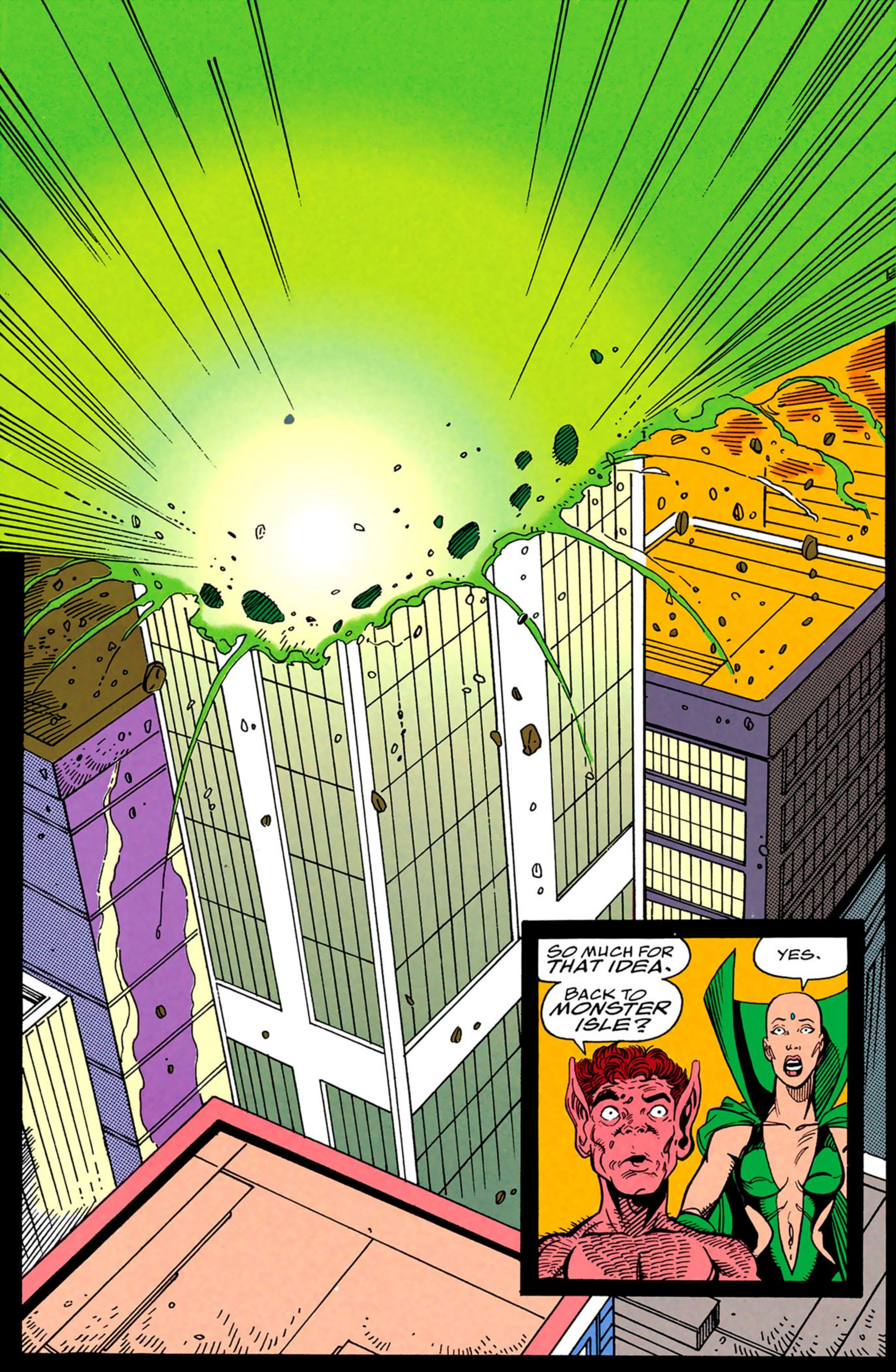
AND HAVE
EVERYONE FREAK
OUT AT OUR SUDDEN
APPEARANCE?

NO THANKS.



FIRST I'LL CONTACT
QUASAR, THEN--

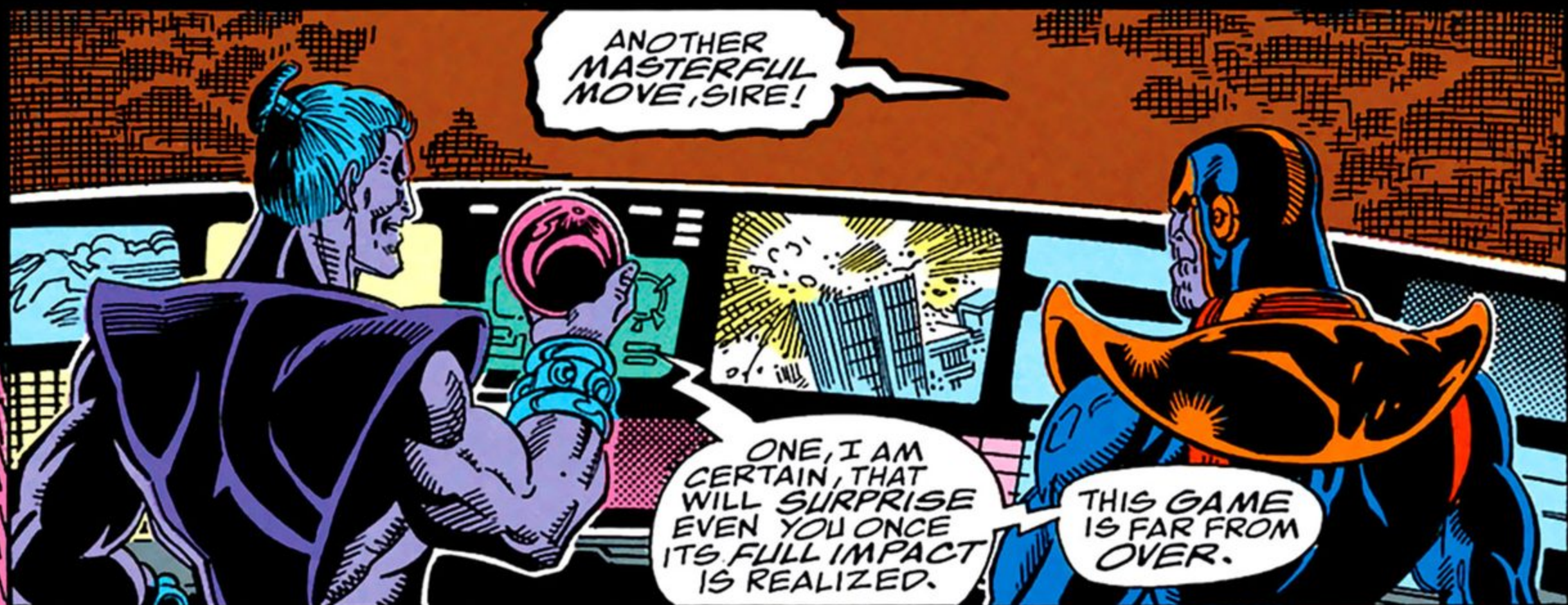
OMIGOD!



SO MUCH FOR
THAT IDEA.

BACK TO
MONSTER
ISLE?

YES.



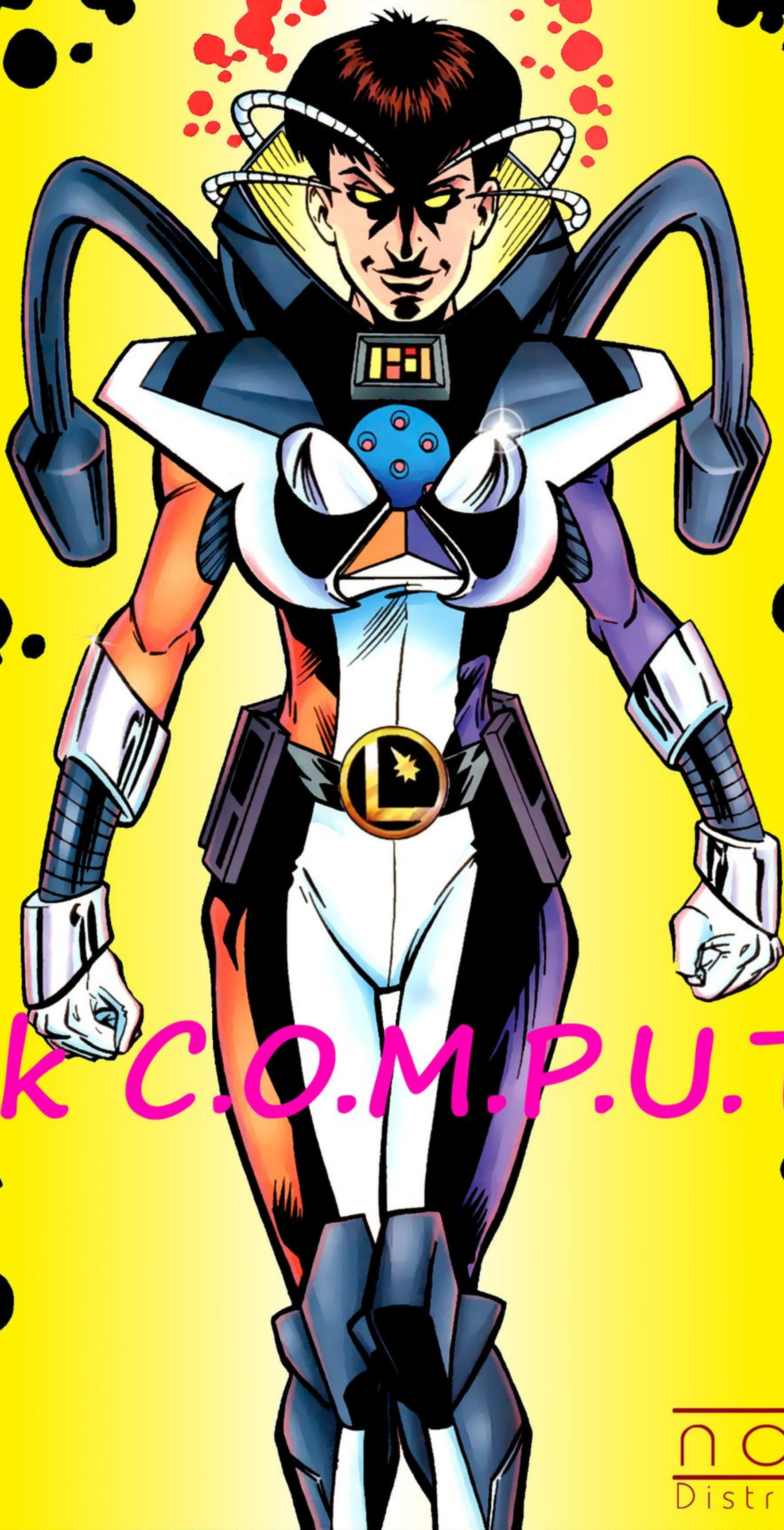
ANOTHER
MASTERFUL
MOVE, SIRE!

ONE, I AM
CERTAIN, THAT
WILL SURPRISE
EVEN YOU ONCE
ITS FULL IMPACT
IS REALIZED.

THIS GAME
IS FAR FROM
OVER.



IN FACT,
THINGS ARE JUST
BEGINNING
TO GET
INTERESTING!



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